

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – The Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 10 July 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 8 and 10 – 11 were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2. Question 9 was not asked.

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.15

### 3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services: Our Valleys, Our Future Progress Report

The item started at 14.41

### 4 Statement by the Leader of the House: The Review of Gender Equality

The item started at 15.30

### 5 Legislative Consent Motion on the Non-domestic Rating (Nursery Grounds) Bill

The item started at 16.17

NDM6760 – [Mark Drakeford \(Cardiff West\)](#)



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To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Non-Domestic Rating (Nursery Grounds) Bill, relating to non-domestic rates, insofar as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been [laid](#) in Table Office on 7 June 2018 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **6 Debate: The First Supplementary Budget 2018–19**

The item started at 16.19

**Voting on the motion was deferred until Voting Time.**

**NDM6748 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the First Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2018–19 [laid](#) in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday, 19 June 2018.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- i. the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- ii. the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- iii. a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- iv. a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion;

v. a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c); and

vi. details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A.

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

– a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	23	0	53

The motion was agreed.

## 7 Debate: The Affordable Housing Supply Review

The item started at 16.47

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM6764 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of increasing the supply of affordable homes in Wales; and the Welsh Government’s commitment to doing so through its ambitious target of building 20,000 affordable homes during this term of Government – towards which good progress is being made
2. Recognises the Welsh Government is laying the groundwork for the prospect of building more affordable housing in the future, in response to a range of housing needs
3. Notes that the Welsh Government is working to create the conditions which drive innovation and improvements in terms of design, quality and energy efficiency in housing provision
4. Notes the scope and agreed work streams of the affordable housing review.

The scope and agreed workstreams of the Affordable Housing Review were emailed to Members on 3 July 2018.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of increasing the supply of affordable homes in Wales.
2. Notes the scope and agreed work streams of the affordable housing review.
3. Recognises the robustness of the late Professor Holman’s alternative projection, 'Future Need and Demand for Housing in Wales', as a basis for predicting housing need.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to replicate the ambition of Welsh housing associations, who are aiming to double their current rate of new house building to achieve 75,000 new affordable homes in Wales by 2036.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be de-selected]*

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	2	39	53

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)**

In point 1, delete “and the Welsh Government’s commitment to doing so through its ambitious target of building 20,000 affordable homes during this term of Government – towards which good progress is being made” and replace with “and regrets that fewer than 3,000 additional affordable homes have been delivered in each of the last six years for which statistics are available”.

*[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]*

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	38	53

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Delete ‘ambitious’ from point 1.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	2	28	52

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 4 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes that independent advice and analysis has demonstrated that 20,000 affordable homes over the course of this Assembly term will not meet current or future needs.

Calls on the Welsh Government to have a long-term plan for increasing the amount of affordable housing to meet the needs of local communities throughout Wales, recognising that this can be achieved in different ways.

Calls on all new social and council housing, where possible, to have solar panels installed, to ensure that tenants can benefit from lower energy bills.

Regrets that the number of empty homes in Wales has increased over recent years, despite the Welsh Government’s Houses into Homes scheme.

Notes the scope and agreed work streams of the affordable housing review.

Calls on the affordable housing review to examine the wider context of access to public services in new estates, noting that poor access to public services can significantly increase costs faced by people living in such estates, particularly those on a low income.

Calls on the review to include tenants groups and those in the private rented sector, so that they can inform the future social and rented housing landscape in Wales.

*[If amendment 4 is agreed, amendment 5 will be de-selected]*

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	2	29	53

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 5 – [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)**

Insert as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Calls for the Welsh Government to accelerate the construction of modular housing in order to deliver additional affordable housing units at pace.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	39	53

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

**NDM6764 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

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2. Recognises the Welsh Government is laying the groundwork for the prospect of building more affordable housing in the future, in response to a range of housing needs

3. Notes that the Welsh Government is working to create the conditions which drive innovation and improvements in terms of design, quality and energy efficiency in housing provision

4. Notes the scope and agreed work streams of the affordable housing review.

The scope and agreed workstreams of the Affordable Housing Review were emailed to Members on 3 July 2018.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	12	12	53

The motion was agreed.

## 8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.46

The meeting concluded at 17.50

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 11 July 2018**