

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 6 November 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.16

Motion to appoint an Acting Standards Commissioner

The item started at 14.31

NDM6856 – [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards is unable to act:

- a) in relation to a complaint from Joyce Watson AM dated 8 May; and
- b) in relation to any other complaint arising from the same subject matter.



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2. Appoints, in relation to any complaint referred to in paragraph 1, Douglas Bain CBE TD as acting Commissioner, in accordance with Section 4(1) of the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009, on the following terms:

- a) the appointment takes effect on 7 November 2018.
- b) the appointment ends immediately when notice is given to the acting Commissioner by the Clerk of the Assembly.
- c) the acting Commissioner's remuneration is to be a daily rate of £392 (or pro-rata for part of a day) for activities that relate directly to the role and responsibilities of the post plus reasonable expenses.
- d) all sums referred to in paragraph 2(c) are to be paid to the acting Commissioner by the Assembly Commission.

Supporting Document

[Statement by the Standards Commissioner – Issued on 16 October 2018](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services: Findings of the Independent Accelerated Programme for Amber Review

The item started at 14.40

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services: Reform of Fire and Rescue Authorities' Governance and Finance Arrangements – Postponed until 13 November

The item was postponed until 13 November

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Special Measures Update

The item started at 15.23

The Deputy Presiding Officer suspended proceedings at 15.32 due to microphone failure affecting the Siamb. The meeting reconvened at 15.45.

6 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services: Remembering our Armed Forces and Delivering for Our Armed Forces Community

The item started at 16.28

7 Legislative Consent Motion on the Ivory Bill

The item started at 17.16

NDM6847 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Ivory Bill in so far 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 18 October 2018 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Parliament website:

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate: The General Principles of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.19

NDM6850 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill.

[The Renting Homes \(Fees etc.\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Assembly on 11 June 2018.

The report of Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Assembly on 26 October 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Motion to approve the financial resolution in respect of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.21

NDM6851 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Debate: The Equality and Human Rights Commission's Wales Committee Annual Review 2017/18

The item started at 18.22

NDM6849 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Committee Annual Review 2017–2018.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the end of the Welsh independent living grant and believes that local government cannot provide the equivalent level of financial support due to the Welsh Government's cuts.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	27	48

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the continued inadequate funding for support services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	27	48

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the finding that poverty in Wales is deepening and believes that tackling poverty and class inequalities should play a key role in promoting equality and human rights

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the growth internationally of political movements seeking to roll back human rights protections and calls on the Welsh Government to publish a plan for maintaining human rights following withdrawal from the EU.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	10	2	48

Amendment 5 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6849 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

1. Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Committee Annual Review 2017–2018.

2. Notes:

a) the report's key recommendations regarding the public sector equality duty; and

b) the recommendation in the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee and the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee letter to the First Minister for the Welsh Government to outline its latest position on the introduction of the socio-economic duty.

[Equalities and Brexit – Joint findings by the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee](#)

3. Regrets the finding that poverty in Wales is deepening and believes that tackling poverty and class inequalities should play a key role in promoting equality and human rights.

4. Regrets the growth internationally of political movements seeking to roll back human rights protections and calls on the Welsh Government to publish a plan for maintaining human rights following withdrawal from the EU.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting Time

The item started at 19.11

The meeting concluded at 19.13

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 7 November 2018