

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 10 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.18

All 5 questions were asked.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 14.34

To ask the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the future of the national broadcasting archive for Wales?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Does the Cabinet Secretary still have confidence in Natural Resources Wales as the body responsible for overseeing the environment in Wales, in light of the recent Public Accounts Committee report?



4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.52

Jane Hutt made a statement on Edith Picton Turberville – one of the first Labour MPs in the decade after women were allowed to stand for Parliament who secured legislation to stop pregnant women from being hung.

5 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Selling Wales to the World

The item started at 14.54

NDM6879 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its inquiry, 'Selling Wales to the World', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 September 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Building Resilience, Inquiry into Non-Public Funding of the Arts

The item started at 15.25

NDM6878 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, 'Building Resilience – Inquiry into non-public funding of the arts', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 March 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – M4 Corridor Decision

The item started at 16.01

NDM6880 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the decision on whether to go ahead with the proposed M4 corridor around Newport project should be left to the new First Minister, appointed in December 2018, subject to the findings of the local public inquiry.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – Direct Farm Payments

The item started at 16.38

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6881 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the essential role that the basic payment scheme currently plays as a basis for the viability of the Welsh family farm, rural communities and the broader economy of Wales, and the importance of direct payments with regard to providing stability in periods of uncertainty.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that support for farming in Wales is targeted at active farmers who take financial risks related to food production.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to maintain an element of direct payments for farmers after Brexit.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	1	27	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the UK's decision to leave the EU in March 2019, including the Common Agricultural Policy and its system of farm support including the basic payment scheme.
2. Supports the Welsh Government's:
 - a. pledge to continue to support farmers to keep them on the land and protect our communities;
 - b. aim to design the best system for farm support in Wales, set out in the recent consultation on Brexit and our Land, including investment for food production and support for public goods; and
 - c. guarantee that no changes to income support will take place without further consultation, no new schemes will be designed without a proper impact assessment, and no old schemes will be removed before new schemes are ready.
3. Calls on the UK government to provide urgent confirmation that Wales will not lose a penny of funding for farming as a result of exiting the EU.
4. Welcome the Welsh Government's decision to maintain the basic payment scheme in 2020 as part of a multi-year transition.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	21	49

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Recognises that under the Common Agricultural Policy, and during the course of the UK's membership of the European Union, the number of farmers and the productivity of farms has decreased in Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to use the new powers coming from the UK's departure from the EU to create a farming and rural support scheme which serves the unique needs of the rural and agricultural economy in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	1	6	49

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Supports the Welsh Government's:
 - a. pledge to continue to support farmers to keep them on the land and protect our communities;
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 - c. guarantee that no changes to income support will take place without further consultation, no new schemes will be designed without a proper impact assessment, and no old schemes will be removed before new schemes are ready.
3. Calls on the UK government to provide urgent confirmation that Wales will not lose a penny of funding for farming as a result of exiting the EU.
4. Welcome the Welsh Government's decision to maintain the basic payment scheme in 2020 as part of a multi-year transition.
5. Recognises that under the Common Agricultural Policy, and during the course of the UK's membership of the European Union, the number of farmers and the productivity of farms has decreased in Wales.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to use the new powers coming from the UK's departure from the EU to create a farming and rural support scheme which serves the unique needs of the rural and agricultural economy in Wales.

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28	0	21	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.15

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.17

NDM6882 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

Swansea Parkway: the next steps for the Swansea Bay City Region?

The meeting concluded at 17.36

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 December 2018