

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 13.30

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

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.19

The first 9 questions were asked. Question 6 was answered by answered by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

Point of Order

The item started at 15.09

Mark Reckless raised a point of order regarding the number of spokespeople's questions allocated to the new Brexit Party group. The Llywydd reiterated that the allocation of leaders' and spokespeople questions is at the discretion of the Chair and that she had decided to give the new Brexit Party group the same allocation as the UKIP group had most recently. The Llywydd added that allocations reflect the general balance and are not an exact science or pro-rata calculation.



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3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.10

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

Russell George (Montgomeryshire):

Will the Minister make a statement on the expert commission that will be appointed with regards to the M4 corridor around Newport?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.42

Darren Millar made a statement commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee (5 mins)

The item started at 15.44

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

NDM7063 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.13(ii), elects Caroline Jones (Brexit Party) as a Member of the Business Committee.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	2	16

As 2/3rds of the Members voting did support the Motion, the Motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Conservatives debate – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

The item started at 15.44

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7058 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 8 June 2019 marks four years since the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was placed into special measures.
2. Further notes that ministerial oversight of special measures arrangements at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has consistently been with the current health Minister.
3. Regrets that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board still has significant improvements to make in its mental health services and its governance, leadership and oversight, in spite of spending longer in special measures for these matters than any organisation in the history of the National Health Service.
4. Calls upon the health Minister to accept his responsibility for failing to deliver the required improvement at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board over the past four years and resign.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	4	28	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete points 2, 3, and 4 and replace with:

Recognises the progress made in the initial areas identified as concerns in 2015 and the continued focus and improvement required for de-escalation.

Notes that any decisions on changing the escalation status of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will be taken after receiving advice from the Wales Audit Office, Health Inspectorate Wales and the NHS Wales Chief Executive.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	20	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7058 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 8 June 2019 marks four years since the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was placed into special measures.
2. Recognises the progress made in the initial areas identified as concerns in 2015 and the continued focus and improvement required for de-escalation.
3. Notes that any decisions on changing the escalation status of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will be taken after receiving advice from the Wales Audit Office, Health Inspectorate Wales and the NHS Wales Chief Executive.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	20	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Plaid Cymru debate – A confirmatory European Union referendum

The item started at 16.46

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7059 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales declares its unequivocal support for a confirmatory referendum on whatever terms proposed by any Prime Minister that the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, with remain on the ballot paper.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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36	0	16	52
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The motion without amendment was agreed.

7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Tackling Poverty

The item started at 17.58

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

NDM7029 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to produce a tackling poverty strategy, with a detailed budget and action plan for implementation.
2. Calls on the First Minister to clarify the areas of responsibility for tackling poverty within each ministerial portfolio.
3. Acknowledges and drives accountability on progress made on the tackling poverty agenda.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	12	0	51

The motion was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 19.07

9 Short Debate

The item started at 19.11

NDM7060 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Rewilding Wales: the case for breathing life into our landscapes and rural communities on World Environment Day.

The meeting concluded at 19.30

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 June 2019