

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 17 September 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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## Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer announced, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 was given Royal Assent on 10 September.

### 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 Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his "law officer" responsibilities)

The item started at 14.34

All 5 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 3 were grouped together for answer.

### 3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.48

### 4 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Improving Security of Tenure

The item started at 15.32



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**5 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Designed to Smile – 10 years of improving children's oral health in Wales – Issued as a Written Statement**

**6 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Implications for Wales of the UK Government's 2019 Spending Round**

The item started at 16.05

**7 Statement by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister: Brexit Update**

The item started at 16.49

**8 Debate: Valleys Taskforce**

The item started at 17.31

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

**NDM7129 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys in supporting economic development across the region.
2. Notes the update on the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys published on 18th July.
3. Welcomes the seven updated priority areas and the extension of the taskforce to include the Gwendraeth and Amman Valleys.
4. Welcomes the empty home grant scheme that will be rolled out to all local authorities within the taskforce area during this financial year.

[Written Statement: Update on the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys](#)

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes that the best way to improve the lives and communities of those who live in the Valleys is through providing quality, long-term employment opportunities, empowering people to fulfil their potential and to take ownership in their own communities.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Delete points 2 and 3 replace with:

Regrets that the 'Our Valleys, Our Future' delivery plan lacks sufficient ambition to help support the Valleys communities.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	28	51

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the 40 per cent increase in the number of empty homes in Wales since 2009 and the need for funding and enforcement solutions to bring these back into use in order to address the housing issues within the taskforce area.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	28	51

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide information on the expected tangible outcomes and submit a detailed plan that outlines the benefits of the taskforce on a valley-by-valley basis and progress in delivering those outcomes.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	28	51

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to draw up a specific budget line for the Valleys taskforce to be included in the Welsh Government's upcoming budget.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	28	51

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 6 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a special temporary committee to be established with a specific remit to hold the Minister to account on the work of the Valleys Taskforce and for the membership of the committee to be made up of Assembly Members representing valleys constituencies.

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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8	1	42	51
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**Amendment 6 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 7 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the opportunities to enhance Our Valleys, Our Future as a result of funding announcements by the UK Government which will provide an extra £600 million in 2019–2020 to the Welsh block grant.

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	5	36	51

**Amendment 7 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM7129 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
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28	7	16	51
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The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Debate on the General Principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.29

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

NDM7130 – [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

[The Children \(Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment\) \(Wales\)](#)

[Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Assembly on 25 March 2019;

The report of Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Assembly on 2 August 2019.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	15	51

The motion was agreed.

## 10 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 20.00

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

NDM7131 – [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	15	51

**The motion was agreed.**

## **11 Voting Time**

The item started at 20.00.

## **Votes Summary**

The meeting concluded at 20.04

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 18 September 2019**