

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 September 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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Nominations for a committee chair

The item started at 13.30

The Llywydd invited nominations under Standing Order 17.2F for the election of the chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform. Huw Irranca-Davies nominated Dawn Bowden. Vikki Howells seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations Dawn Bowden was duly elected.

1 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 13.31

Questions 1 – 5 and 7 – 9 were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. 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 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.10



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To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

Bethan Sayed (South Wales West) What is the Welsh Government doing to help those impacted by the closure of Thomas Cook?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.24

Angela Burns made a statement on World Pharmacists Day (25 September).

5 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Voting Rights for Prisoners

The item started at 15.26

NDM7139 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Voting rights for prisoners', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 June 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Finance Committee debate on the government's spending priorities

The item started at 16.39

NDM7140 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the representations made by participants at the Finance Committee's stakeholder event in Aberystwyth regarding the Welsh Government's spending priorities for the forthcoming budget 2020–21.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Brexit Party debate – The UK and the EU

The item started at 17.38

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7141 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Supports Wales's membership of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and its indefinite continuance.
2. Notes that Wales, like the United Kingdom as a whole, voted to leave the European Union.
3. Supports further devolution in specific areas which would benefit Wales and where other parts of the United Kingdom benefit from such devolution, such as rail and air passenger duty.
4. Notes the past involvement of the European Union under Articles 154 to 156 of the Treaty of Rome with respect to trans-European networks, including the M4 and A55.
5. Calls on the UK Government to support improvements to the A55 and delivery of the M4 relief road through the UK shared prosperity fund to benefit Wales and the UK a whole.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	42	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add at the end of point 1 “but believes that radical reform is needed of the way in which inter-governmental relations between the devolved nations and the UK Government are conducted”.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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26	8	13	47
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Add at the end of point 2 “but believes that, given the experience of the last three years, securing a brighter future for Wales depends on the UK remaining in the EU”.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	15	47

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

In point 3, after “such as”, insert “policing and justice and”.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	6	15	47

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to:

- a) step up its commitment to investing in infrastructure in Wales such as the electrification of the rail mainlines in south and north Wales and investment in tidal power in Wales, which is its responsibility;
- b) provide full replacement funding, free of UK Government interference in how it should be best used, for the European funding Wales will lose if the UK leaves the EU.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	15	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

As amendment 4 was agreed, amendment 5 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7141 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Supports Wales's membership of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and its indefinite continuance but believes that radical reform is needed of the way in which inter-governmental relations between the devolved nations and the UK Government are conducted.

2. Notes that Wales, like the United Kingdom as a whole, voted to leave the European Union but believes that, given the experience of the last three years, securing a brighter future for Wales depends on the UK remaining in the EU.

3. Supports further devolution in specific areas which would benefit Wales and where other parts of the United Kingdom benefit from such devolution, such as policing and justice and rail and air passenger duty.

4. Notes the past involvement of the European Union under Articles 154 to 156 of the Treaty of Rome with respect to trans-European networks, including the M4 and A55.

5. Calls on the UK Government to:

a) step up its commitment to investing in infrastructure in Wales such as the electrification of the rail mainlines in south and north Wales and investment in tidal power in Wales, which is its responsibility;

b) provide full replacement funding, free of UK Government interference in how it should be best used, for the European funding Wales will lose if the UK leaves the EU.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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25	0	22	47
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The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.24

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.27

NDM7142 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

Wales's whole school approach: Supporting all children to flourish, learn and succeed in schools.

The meeting concluded at 18.52

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 October 2019