

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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### Statement by the Llywydd

The Presiding Officer announced, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act was given Royal Assent on 15 January.

#### 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 14.21

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

#### 3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.17

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport:



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**Jack Sargeant (Alun and Deeside):** Will the Minister make a statement on the announcement by Mondi of job losses at the Deeside Industrial Park in Flintshire?

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement in response to reports regarding Flybe's future and its impact on Cardiff Airport?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.42

**Leanne Wood** made a statement congratulating Rhondda man Wayne Warren after he won the BDO Darts Championship and praising the sport.

**Sian Gwenllian** made a statement celebrating Dafydd Iwan reaching the top of iTunes sales with Yma o Hyd.

**Vikki Howells** made a statement commemorating 80 years since the birth of Leighton Thomas Rees.

#### **5 Debate on the Finance Committee report: Inquiry into the Welsh Government's capital funding sources**

The item started at 15.47

**NDM7226 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on the inquiry into the Welsh Government's capital funding sources, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 November 2019.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 January 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

#### **6 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Teaching Welsh History**

The item started at 16.39

**NDM7228 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the Teaching of Welsh history [laid](#) in the Table Office on 14 November.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 January 2020.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Rape and Sexual Abuse**

The item started at 17.37

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7229 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the increase in reports of rape in England and Wales.
2. Expresses sympathy and solidarity with survivors of rape and sexual abuse.
3. Regrets the continued failure of many criminal justice systems across the world to offer support to survivors, and regrets that it remains the case that too often survivors are not believed and are forced to relive horrific experiences through insensitive court processes, and cultures within police forces that don't believe victims.
4. Notes that prosecutions for rape and convictions in England and Wales are at their lowest levels in a decade, and that improving conviction rates is a crucial part of a rape prevention strategy.
5. Notes that the Thomas Commission has argued that only full legislative devolution combined with executive powers will overcome the obstacles of the current devolution settlement when it comes to addressing the lack of justice and accountability of the status quo.
6. Calls for sexual assault support and services to be available and well-funded, and for courts to be adapted so that victims feel protected, not intimidated when giving evidence.

7. Calls for the devolution of justice so that we can address these low convictions rates through adopting international best practice on increasing conviction rates and prevention of abuse and rape.

[Commission on Justice in Wales Report – October 2019](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	2	12	49

The motion without amendment was agreed.

## 8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.45

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## 9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.45

NDM7227 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

Celebrating Welsh Heroes: The contribution of Welsh heroes to Wales's international profile

The meeting concluded at 19.00

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 January 2020**