

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

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Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–6 and 8 were asked. Questions 5 and 8 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 14.21

Questions 1, 2, 4–7 and 9 were asked. Questions 6 and 9 were grouped together for answer. Question 3 was withdrawn. Questions 5 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.06

#### To ask the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

**Delyth Jewell (South Wales East)** What discussions has the Minister had in relation to the reports that Six Nations Rugby games may only be available on a pay-per-view basis in the future?



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## To ask the Counsel General and Brexit Minister

**Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore):** To what extent was the Welsh Government consulted over the content of the UK's mandate for the negotiations with the EU?

### **4 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.34

**Mick Antoniw** made a statement on – The '35th anniversary of the end of the miners' strike'

### **5 Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: The Welsh Government's Draft International Strategy**

The item started at 15.35

**NDM7286** – [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on the Welsh Government's Draft International Strategy which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 December 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Looked After Children**

The item started at 16.28

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7287** – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales;

1. Notes the Public Accounts Committee's report into care experienced children and young people and the Ministerial Advisory Group for Improving Outcomes for Children Programme's Annual Report 2019.

2. Further notes that the life chances of looked-after children and care leavers are significantly poorer than those children who are not in care.
3. Regrets that the number of looked after children in Wales has risen by 34 per cent in the last 15 years, and that nearly 10 per cent of children in care have been in three or more placements.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) urgently review local authority plans on reducing the numbers of looked-after children;
  - b) assist local authorities in recruiting 550 Welsh foster families to cover the gaps found by the Fostering Network;
  - c) investigate financial and rehabilitative support available to adoptive parents; and
  - d) ensure the roll out of access to free positive parenting courses to be offered for all parents and guardians across Wales .

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	10	51

The motion without amendment was agreed.

## 7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Eating Disorders

The item started at 17.33

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment

**NDM7288 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2020 takes place from 2 March to 8 March and that the focus this year will be on the importance of empowering and supporting families and friends.
2. Believes that:

- a) eating disorders are serious mental illnesses with high mortality rates;
  - b) recovery is possible;
  - c) families and friends can play a crucial role in supporting recovery.
3. Commends those that worked on and participated in the Eating Disorder Service Review 2018 launched by the Welsh Government and its ambition to build a world-class eating disorder service for Wales which is accessible to all who need it.
  4. Believes that empowering and supporting families, friends and other carers will be essential to realising this ambition.
  5. Regrets the extended period of time it took for Welsh Government to respond to the outcome of the 2018 Service Review.
  6. Calls on the Welsh Government and health boards, local authorities and all other stakeholders to ensure full implementation of the Eating Disorder Service Review 2018 recommendations.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	8	51

The motion without amendment was agreed.

## 8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Mental Health Services

The item started at 17.57

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7289 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the concerns about quality of care raised by relatives of Welsh patients in inpatient mental health units in England.
2. Believes that no patient experiencing mental health problems should be sent to units that are large distances from their family.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) ensure sufficient inpatient capacity for mental health services in Wales so that the outsourcing of care can be phased out;
- b) have a plan for the repatriation of Welsh patients currently living in units in England;
- c) place a ban on the Welsh NHS using units in England that have poor reports from the Care Quality Commission;
- d) ensure that units outside of Wales receiving Welsh NHS money comply with Welsh inspection requirements.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	40	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Calls on Welsh Government to:

- a) ensure that distance from home is considered as a key factor for people who require specialist mental health in-patient support
- b) ensure robust arrangements are in place to monitor the quality and safety of placements in units in England, including collaborative working with the Care Quality Commission.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	1	19	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed amendment 2 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM7289 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the concerns about quality of care raised by relatives of Welsh patients in inpatient mental health units in England.
2. Calls on Welsh Government to:
  - a) ensure that distance from home is considered as a key factor for people who require specialist mental health in-patient support
  - b) ensure robust arrangements are in place to monitor the quality and safety of placements in units in England, including collaborative working with the Care Quality Commission.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	11	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.26

## Votes Summary

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.30

**NDM7280 – [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)**

Is obesity a disease?

The meeting concluded at 18.51

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 March 2020**