

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were asked. Question 3 was not asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. Question 1 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

Statement by the Llywydd

The Llywydd welcomed the Catalan delegation, led by the President of the Catalan Parliament, Mr Roger Torrent. The Llywydd wished them a warm welcome to Wales and to the Senedd.

2 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

The item started at 14.32

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 Question 7 was withdrawn.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



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3 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his "law officer" responsibilities) – Postponed from Tuesday 10 March 2020

The item started at 15.24

All 3 questions were asked.

4 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.32

All 3 questions were asked.

5 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.50

To ask the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

David Rees (Aberavon): Following yesterday's announcement by Tata Steel regarding the number of job losses in the UK, will the Minister make a statement on the impact these losses will have in Wales, and in particular the plant in Port Talbot?

6 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.07

Jenny Rathbone made a statement on – Endometriosis Month

Mike Hedges made a statement on – 100th anniversary of the death of Daniel James (composer of Calon Lan).

Vikki Howells made a statement on – Remembering Dai Dower (Abercynon born boxer)

7 Motion to amend Standing Orders

The item started at 16.12

NDM7295 – [Elin Jones](#)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 12 – Proxy Voting' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 March 2020.
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 12 and make consequential changes to Standing Order 17, as set out in Annex B of the report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes are temporary, and will cease to have effect on 6 April 2021

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	1	9	49

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Equal Opportunities Audit

The item started at 16.12

NDM7247 – [Helen Mary Jones](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to provide an equal opportunities audit for firms in receipt of Welsh Government grants.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) improve and encourage equal opportunities in the private sector in Wales; and
 - b) build on the findings of Fair Work Wales: Report of the Fair Work Commission.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Early Cancer Diagnosis

The item started at 16.26

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

NDM7238 – [David Rees](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that early diagnosis of cancer improves survival chances.
2. Notes that the World Health Organisation recommends that all nations should have a strategy on cancer.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that its new cancer delivery plan includes greater emphasis on earlier diagnosis for patients and for it to be in place when the existing plan ends in 2020.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to take action to improve uptake of cancer screening programmes.

Co-Submitters

[Angela Burns](#)

[Dai Lloyd](#)

[Mike Hedges](#)

[Jayne Bryant](#)

[Caroline Jones](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	12	1	49

The motion was agreed.

10 Plaid Cymru Debate – A&E services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

The item started at 17.09

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7296 – [Siân Gwenllian](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that responsibility for the NHS lies with the Welsh Government.
2. Calls on the Minister for Health and Social Services to support the retention of a 24 hour consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.
3. Recognises that recruitment is key to the retention of a consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.
4. In order to help recruitment, calls on the Health Minister to rescind the decision made in 2014 to remove the consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital as part of the South Wales Programme.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	1	25	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales notes that:

- a) in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, the responsibility for the delivery of NHS services in Wales in geographical areas is the statutory responsibility of the respective local health boards;
- b) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently reviewing its provision for the delivery of accident and emergency services in the health board area which are specific to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital;
- c) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently considering a number of options relating to this service;

- d) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is carrying out data, modelling and recruitment analysis, staff and public engagement to inform a decision by their board;
- e) no decision has yet been taken in regard to the future of accident and emergency provision at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	23	49

Amendment 1 was agreed

As Amendment 1 was agreed amendment 2 was de-selected

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has failed to learn lessons from previous health board restructuring exercises and have not ensured that the principles on public engagement enshrined in 'A Healthier Wales' are adhered to by health boards.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	26	49

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board consults with their communities in a timely and inclusive manner.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board's recent oral evidence to the Assembly's Health, Social Care and Sports Committee on 27 February 2020 that the board had not been actively recruiting emergency department consultants to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	18	0	49

Amendment 5 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7296 – [Siân Gwenllian](#)

1. To propose that the National Assembly for Wales notes that:

a) in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, the responsibility for the delivery of NHS services in Wales in geographical areas is the statutory responsibility of the respective local health boards;

b) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently reviewing its provision for the delivery of accident and emergency services in the health board area which are specific to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital;

c) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently considering a number of options relating to this service;

d) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is carrying out data, modelling and recruitment analysis, staff and public engagement to inform a decision by their board;

e) no decision has yet been taken in regard to the future of accident and emergency provision at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board consults with their communities in a timely and inclusive manner.

3. Notes with concern Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board's recent oral evidence to the Assembly's Health, Social Care and Sports Committee on 27 February 2020 that the board had not been actively recruiting emergency department consultants to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	20	18	49

The motion as amended was not agreed.

11 Plaid Cymru Debate – Coverage of the Six Nations

The item started at 17.40

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7297 – [Siân Gwenllian](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of sport of all kinds to cultural and civic identity in Wales.
2. Believes that the ability to enjoy sports should be as accessible as possible to the widest range of our nation's population.
3. Is concerned about reports that coverage of the six nations rugby matches will only be available to view on a pay-per-view basis in the future.

4. Believes that access to national rugby coverage is key to ensuring that young people participate in grass roots rugby.

5. Believes that the coverage of Wales six nations rugby games should continue to be available for all to view for free and calls on the Welsh Government to do everything in its ability to achieve this.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

The motion without amendment was agreed.

12 Voting Time

The item started at 18.07

13 Short Debate

The item started at 18.12

NDM7294– [Vikki Howells](#)

Fate of the coalfields: the impact of devolution on coalfield communities; the current challenges they face and some questions regarding their future prosperity.

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.37

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 March 2020