

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

### 1 Questions to the Minister for Social Justice

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

The item started at 14.25

All 6 questions were asked. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 14.56

All 5 questions were asked.

### 4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.



## 5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.15

**Siân Gwenllïan** made a statement on – Congratulating Coleg Menai’s Art Foundation Course on celebrating its 40 year anniversary.

## 6 Debate on a Member’s Legislative Proposal: Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy) – Marine planning in Wales

The item started at 15.17

**NDM7896 [Janet Finch–Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on marine planning in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
  - a) make provisions for policies that would help guide the siting of developments away from the most ecologically sensitive areas, minimise the cumulative impacts on vulnerable habitats and species, and provide greater certainty to developers;
  - b) create a duty for the Welsh Government to facilitate the creation of a national marine development plan, and review it at least once in every Senedd;
  - c) establish strategic resource areas for marine energy;
  - d) publish a strategy for reversing seabirds decline;
  - e) require that offshore wind farms include habitat restoration of the seabed; strategy for sustainable seafood harvesting from within the area of the windfarm and, environmental enhancement measures.

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

## 7 Welsh Conservative debate – The Armed Forces

The item started at 15.49

**NDM7955 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the service and sacrifice of people from Wales in the UK armed forces.
2. Expresses gratitude to current and former armed forces personnel for their contribution to Welsh society.
3. Welcomes the appointment of Colonel James Phillips as the first Veterans' Commissioner for Wales.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Veterans' Commissioner and the UK Government to ensure that the armed forces covenant is upheld in Wales.
5. Believes that the Welsh Government's armed forces covenant annual reports should be considered by an appropriate Senedd committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

**8 Plaid Cymru debate – The cost of living crisis – the effect on schools and children**

The item started at 16.45

**NDM7954 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the cost-of-living crisis has a particular effect on schools and children.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to increase efforts to ensure measures to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools are implemented as effectively as possible by:
  - a) reviewing the effectiveness of statutory guidance on school uniform policies to ensure consistent affordability across Wales;
  - b) taking urgent steps to ensure school meal debt does not negatively affect pupils;
  - c) improving signposting of the pupil development grant – access;

d) working towards automatic registration of all entitlements to support uptake and income maximisation;

e) providing further support to schools to provide inclusive trips and activities for all and ensure consistent practice across Wales.

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

## **9 Voting Time**

There was no voting time.

## **10 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.35

**NDM7947 [Gareth Davies \(Vale of Clwyd\)](#)**

Restoring our seaside towns to their former glory: a necessary task or an impossible ask?

The meeting concluded at 17.52

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 March 2022**