

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 June 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 8 questions were asked. Question 6 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership. The 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 14.18

Questions 1–4 and 6–8 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Counsel General after question 2.

At 14.30, proceedings were suspended for 29 minutes. The bell was rung two minutes before reconvening.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.23

All 5 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 3 were grouped together for answer.



4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.39

Answered by the Minister for Climate Change

Rhys ab Owen (South Wales Central): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to protect renters following the deferral of implementation of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016?

Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services

Jayne Bryant (Newport West): Will the Minister provide an update on the news that the group that owns the Rutherford Cancer Centre in Newport is to go into liquidation?

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.58

Jenny Rathbone made a statement on – 40th Anniversary of the Sir Galahad/Bluff Cove air attacks.

Samuel Kurtz made a statement on – Celebration of Welsh Food and Farming

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 16.02

NDM8021 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14:

1. Elects James Evans (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in place of Peter Fox (Welsh Conservatives).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the report of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform – Reforming our Senedd: A stronger voice for the people of Wales

The item started at 16.02

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

NDM8014 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the report of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform, '[Reforming our Senedd: A stronger voice for the people of Wales](#)'.
2. Endorses the recommendations for policy instructions for legislation on Senedd Reform in time for the next Senedd elections in 2026.
3. Notes that the report also calls on the Senedd to consider a number of matters relating to Senedd reform.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Regrets the position statement on Senedd reform by the Welsh Government on 10 May 2022 which undermined the independence and work of the committee.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that the voting system proposed by the committee would not permit voters to vote for an individual candidate of their choice.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	39	54

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment

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3. Notes that the report also calls on the Senedd to consider a number of matters relating to Senedd reform.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

The motion without amendment was agreed.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

The item started at 18.14

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8015 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that the Welsh Government has failed to deliver promised improvements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
2. Believes that the decision to move the health board from special measures in November 2020 was inappropriate.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to impose a reformed special measures regime to provide the health board with the leadership and resources necessary to address failings, and deliver the high-quality health care that the people of North Wales deserve.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	13	27	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for an independent review to be commissioned to consider the possible benefits of replacing Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board with new structures to deliver healthcare in the north of Wales, due to its chronic problems.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 1 was not agreed. As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

8 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 19.19 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

The item started at 19.25

9 Short Debate

The item started at 19.30

NDM8011 [Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Hidden issues affecting deaf people and those suffering hearing loss

The meeting concluded at 19.50

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 June 2022