

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 January 2023

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 Finance and Local Government

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 Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

The item started at 14.20

Questions 1–7 and 9–12 were asked. Question 8 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.02

Answered by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

[James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on his expectations of his meetings with the teaching trade unions later this week to avoid school closures?



Point of Order

At 15.07, Heledd Fychan raised a Point of Order to request that the guidance for virtual and hybrid committee proceedings be reviewed, following the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip electing to give evidence to the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee virtually rather than in-person that morning, despite being on the Senedd Estate and the Committee having requested her attendance in person.

Responding to the issues raised, the Deputy Minister provided an explanation of her decision to participate virtually in the session, on the basis the her supporting officials were also attending remotely.

The Llywydd indicated that she would ask the Chairs' Forum to reflect on the current guidance in light of the experiences of all committees with regards to Ministers and Members attending Committees in-person or virtually.

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.14

Sioned Williams made a statement on – 200 years since the birth of Alfred Russel Wallace, one of Britain's greatest naturalists and early evolutionary theorists. (8 January).

5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee report – The future of bus and rail in Wales

The item started at 15.16

NDM8180 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report, 'The future of bus and rail in Wales', [laid](#) on 6 October 2022.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 January 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Offshore renewable energy

The item started at 16.24

NDM8183 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that utilising Welsh coastal waters will help to deliver a revolution in green, renewable energy.
2. Notes that an estimated 10,000 green jobs and wider benefits can be created.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to support the development of offshore renewable energies in Wales, ensuring the delivery of a sufficiently skilled workforce and enhanced manufacturing capacity.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Management of NHS pressures

The item started at 17.13

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

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM8181 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets the Welsh Government's mismanagement of the pressures facing the NHS.
2. Declares a health crisis in Wales.

Supporters

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

The motion was not agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.09

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.10

NDM8182 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Developing the hydrogen energy sector in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.30

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 January 2023