

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 16 May 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 First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.32

3 Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to establish a Senedd Committee

The item started at 15.03

NDM8260 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 16.5:
 - a) Establishes a Wales Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee with the remit to:
 - i) Following the publication of the reports at each stage of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry and in the context of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's terms of reference and timetable, propose



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to the Senedd by motion, any gaps identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the Covid-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination.

ii) Subject to Senedd approval, undertake a review into those areas identified for further examination.

iii) Publish reports and make recommendations accordingly.

b) Agrees that the Special Purpose Committee will not revisit the conclusions of completed Senedd Committee inquiries and should seek to avoid duplication.

c) Agrees that the Special Purpose Committee will not be prohibited from investigating matters previously examined by Senedd Committees where there is updated information and a clear benefit of further scrutiny.

2. Calls on the Business Committee to ensure that the Special Purpose Committee's reports will be debated in Plenary no later than two months after their publication.

3. Calls on the Business Committee, in proposing the membership of the Special Purpose Committee, to propose no fewer than six members, including the Chair.

Co-submitters:

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

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Electoral Reform

The item started at 15.11

5 Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Reducing Workload

The item started at 15.59

6 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: National Care Service – Expert Group Report Implementation Plan (Stage 1) Publication – POSTPONED

This item was postponed.

7 The Education Workforce Council (Additional Categories of Registration) (Wales) Order 2023

The item started at 16.26

NDM8263 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft the Education Workforce Council (Additional Categories of Registration) (Wales) Order 2023 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 April 2023.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 8 and 9 together but with separate votes (15 mins):

8 The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023

The item started at 16.34

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

NDM8262 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 April 2023.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report on the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	14	49

The motion was agreed.

9 The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of Schedule 12 and Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023

The item started at 16.34

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

NDM8261 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of Schedule 12 and Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 April 2023.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report on the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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36	0	14	50
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The motion was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 16.50

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 16.53 proceedings were suspended to allow a break before the next item. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening.

Votes Summary

11 Debate: Stage 3 of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.05

The amendments were disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 agreed by the Senedd on 9 May 2023.

A vote was taken on amendment 48:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 48 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 49:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 49 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 50:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 50 was not agreed.

Amendment 39 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 51:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 51 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 40 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 41 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 52:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 52 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 53:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 53 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 54:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 54 was not agreed.

Amendment 38 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 55:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	25	52

Amendment 55 was agreed.

Amendment 42 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 56:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 56 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 57:

For	Abstain	Against	Total

26	0	27	53
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As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 57 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 58:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 58 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 59:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 59 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 60:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 60 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 61:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 61 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 62:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 62 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 63:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	37	52

Amendment 63 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 5A:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	37	52

Amendment 5A was not agreed.

Amendment 5 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 64:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 64 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 65:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 65 was not agreed.

At 19.03, in accordance with Standing Order 12.18, proceedings were suspended. The bell was rung at 19.10 and proceedings resumed at 19.13.

Amendment 47 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 7 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 8 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 9 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 10 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 11 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 12 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 13 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 14 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 15 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 16 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 17 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 18 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 19 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 20 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 21 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 22 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 23 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 24 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 25 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 26 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 27 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 28 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 29 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 30 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 31 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 32 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 33 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 34 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 44:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 44 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 45:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 45 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 46:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 46 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 43:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 43 was not agreed.

Amendment 35 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on amendment 66:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 66 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 67:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 67 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 68:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 68 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 69:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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26	0	27	53
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As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 69 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 70:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 70 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 71:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 71 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 72:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 72 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 73:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 73 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 74:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	37	52

Amendment 74 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 75:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 75 was not agreed.

Amendment 36 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 37 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 1 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

The Llywydd stated she had been informed by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales that some of the amendments considered and agreed contained provisions requiring the consent of His Majesty, in accordance with Standing Order 26.67. The Llywydd had been given to understand the Minister will update Members on her intentions for Stage 4 shortly, given that Crown consent is required.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

The meeting concluded at 19.48

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 17 May 2023