

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 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 Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 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 14.27

All 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Counsel General after question 2.

### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.10

All 6 questions were asked.

### 4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.33



## Answered by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

[Samuel Kurtz \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): What bio-security measures is the Minister pursuing to prevent the spread of H5N1 in Wales in light of two poultry workers in England contracting avian flu?

### **5 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.39

Tom Giffard made a statement on – Wales Tourism Week (15–21 May).

Vikki Howells made a statement on – Cynon Valley’s first purple plaque unveiled at Cynon Valley Museum, recalling the life and works of Rose Davies (12 May).

Darren Millar made a statement on – 60th Anniversary of the Welsh Mountain Zoo (18 May).

Laura Anne Jones made a statement on – Dementia Action Week (15–21 May)

Heledd Fychan made a statement on – Mental Health Awareness Week (15–21 May)

### **6 Debate on a Member’s Legislative Proposal – High-rise building safety**

The item started at 15.47

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

**NDM8230 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to ensure that high-rise building developers are responsible for safety issues.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
  - a) create a duty on developers to refund leaseholders for reasonable costs accrued due to building safety issues; and

b) prohibit any developer who refuses to remediate the fire safety defects on buildings they developed from being awarded planning permission for any new developments in Wales.

#### Co-submitters

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

#### Supporters

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

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

[Natasha Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#)

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 29  | 18      | 0       | 47    |

The motion was agreed.

## 7 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Homelessness

The item started at 16.16

**NDM8267** [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, ‘Homelessness’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 March 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 May 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Respiratory disease

The item started at 17.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8266 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) that 1 in 5 people live with a lung condition in Wales;
- b) that Wales has the highest level of respiratory deaths in western Europe;
- c) that respiratory services have not recovered post-pandemic, with waiting lists for pulmonary rehabilitation being as high as three years in some parts of Wales;
- d) that the Welsh Government have developed a new quality statement but there is no implementation plan.

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to develop an improvement plan for respiratory disease to transform improve the lives of people living with lung conditions.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all after 1(b) and replace with:

that Wales is leading the way in the UK in many aspects of improving respiratory disease services, including the use of digital education at scale to improve clinical care, the use of patient apps to reduce the need for urgent and emergency care, and supporting patients to move to using lower carbon footprint inhalers;

that the NHS will respond to the Quality Statement for Respiratory Disease through its local operational planning and will be supported nationally by the NHS Executive's clinical network for respiratory disease.

### [Quality Statement for Respiratory Disease](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment 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.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.51

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.53

**NDM8265** [Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#)

Why Wales needs a strategic plan to prioritise brain tumour research

The meeting concluded at 18.12

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 May 2023**