

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–4 and 6–9 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

The item started at 14.16

Questions 1–4 and 6–11 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were tabled.

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.00

Huw Irranca–Davies made a statement the Pen–y–bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái Urdd Eisteddfod.

Dawn Bowden made a statement on The Merthyr Rising and Dic Penderyn.



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Vikki Howells made a statement on World Hunger Day and food bank use in Wales.

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Assessment for Learning – a distinct Welsh approach

The item started at 15.05

6 Statement by the Counsel General: Consultation on the Welsh Government Prosecution Code

The item started at 15.37

7 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Postponed until 14 June

8 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 15.57

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6316 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the UK Prime Minister's commitment to scrap tolls on the Severn Crossings which will deliver a £100m boost to the Welsh economy.
2. Recognises the need for a north Wales growth deal and its importance for future prosperity in the region.
3. Notes the importance of developing similar regional deals for rural communities in mid Wales to ensure our country works for everyone.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	29	44

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#):

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the leadership role of the Welsh Government in working with other parties to scrap tolls on the Severn Crossings which will deliver a £100m boost to the Welsh economy.
2. Notes the Prime Minister's U-turn in supporting abolition of the Severn tolls.
3. Recognises the commitment of the Welsh Government to working with the UK Government and partners on all sides to deliver the North Wales Growth deal and ensure sustainable transport links into all parts of Wales.
4. Notes that the removal of tolls is just one part of the Welsh Government's plan to increase economic growth and improve the transport system in Wales, which includes work underway to decarbonise the transport network in line with the obligations of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	21	44

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.

Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to come to a positive decision on funding for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon to ensure economic growth in that area.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	0	44

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consult with Pembrokeshire County Council to abolish tolls on the Cleddau Bridge in Pembrokeshire as an economic boost to the area.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	21	44

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6316 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

1. Welcomes the leadership role of the Welsh Government in working with other parties to scrap tolls on the Severn Crossings which will deliver a £100m boost to the Welsh economy.
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3. Recognises the commitment of the Welsh Government to working with the UK Government and partners on all sides to deliver the North Wales Growth deal and ensure sustainable transport links into all parts of Wales.
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5. Calls on the UK Government to come to a positive decision on funding for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon to ensure economic growth in that area.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to consult with Pembrokeshire County Council to abolish tolls on the Cleddau Bridge in Pembrokeshire as an economic boost to the area.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	6	15	44

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Plaid Cymru debate – Withdrawn

10 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 16.50

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6318 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Plaid Cymru's Programme of Opposition and the commitment to establish a national energy company, Ynni Cymru.
2. Notes the research paper by Simon Thomas on proposals to create Ynni Cymru.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish Ynni Cymru, which will run as a not for dividend company at arms-length from Welsh Government, investing profits in improved client service and prices.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to investigate creating a network of local energy grids.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
7	3	34	44

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's long-held commitment to:

a) use energy as efficiently as possible;

b) reduce reliance on energy generated from fossil fuels; and

c) actively manage the transition to a low carbon economy to deliver maximum benefits for Wales and protect the most vulnerable.

2. Recognises the contribution of Welsh Government-funded programmes, such as Warm Homes, Nest and Arbed, Local Energy, Green Growth Wales and the Smart Living programme in stimulating and supporting the early transition to a low carbon economy.

3. Recognises the Welsh Government's role in supporting innovative energy generation, such as the community-led Bethesda local energy selling pilot, the mine water scheme in Bridgend and collaboration with industry and academia.

4. Notes the Welsh Government has held a series of public meetings across Wales to discuss proposals for an energy company for Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	3	7	44

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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4. Notes the Welsh Government has held a series of public meetings across Wales to discuss proposals for an energy company for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	9	0	44

The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting time

The item started at 17.29

12 Short Debate

The item started at 17.33

NDM6315 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

Defending Wales for the next generation.

The current unprecedented challenges facing Wales, including the relationship with the rest of the world, economic inequality, and the need for urgent and positive action in terms of improving outcomes for the next generation.

The meeting concluded at 17.56

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 June 2017