

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 November 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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Nominations for the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

The Presiding Officer invited nominations for the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2F.

Mike Hedges nominated Mick Antoniw. Jane Hutt and Jenny Rathbone seconded the nomination.

As there was only one nomination and no objections to the nomination, the Presiding Officer declared that Mick Antoniw was elected as Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education – Postponed from 8 November

The item started at 13.31

Questions 1–2, 6–8 and 11–12 were asked. Questions 3, 4, 5 and 9 were withdrawn. Question 10 was not asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning after question 2.



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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services – Postponed from 8 November

The item started at 14.16

Questions 1, 3, 4 and 6–8 were asked. Questions 2 and 5 were withdrawn. Question 3 was answered by the Minister for Children and Social Care. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Children and Social Care after question 3.

3 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport – Postponed to 22 November

4 Questions to the Counsel General – Postponed to 22 November

5 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.04

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on action taken to protect wild animals in Borth zoo near Aberystwyth, in light of the death of two of its wild cats?

To ask the First Minister

[Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the First Minister confirm whether he was aware of allegations of bullying within the Welsh Government in 2014, given that his response to a written question in November 2014 indicated that no allegations had been made?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport (answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services)

[Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the warning from Aston Martin yesterday that their investment in St Athan could be at risk as a result of a Brexit ‘no deal’?

6 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.25

Mick Antoniw made a statement paying tribute to the Welsh investigative journalist, Gareth Jones (1905–1935).

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 15.26

NDM6569 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Julie James (Labour) as a Member of the Business Committee in place of Jane Hutt (Labour).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2018–19

The item started at 15.27

NDM6564 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2018–19, as specified in Table 1 of the “National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2018–19”, [laid](#) before the Assembly on 7 November 2017 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26(ii).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Postponed from 8 November

The item started at 15.41

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

NDM6528

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

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

[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that female genital mutilation (FGM) is widely practised worldwide and an estimated 2,000 women and girls in Wales are living with the consequences of FGM.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) use every opportunity to raise awareness of this practice;
 - b) encourage schools to discuss this as part of the Personal and Social Education curriculum and in staff training;
 - c) raise awareness of this practice among GPs and all medical practitioners; and
 - d) do all it can to ensure communities most affected receive help and support to tackle the problem.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	0	39

The motion was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 16.20

10 Short Debate – Postponed from 8 November

The item started at 16.21

NDM6556 [David J. Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#)

The exploitation of immigrants to the UK by immigrant criminal gangs.

- 11 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report:
Digital Infrastructure in Wales – Postponed to 22 November**
- 12 Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives – Postponed to 22
November**
- 13 Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party –
Postponed to 22 November**
- 14 Short Debate (Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales)) – Postponed to 22
November**

The meeting concluded at 16.42

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 November 2017