

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 January 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Education

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 Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.22

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### 3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.12

#### To ask the Minister for Health and Social Care

**Dawn Bowden (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney):** Will the Minister provide the users of services in Cwm Taf University Health Board with reassurance as to the purpose of the enhanced monitoring announced today?

### 4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.27



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Assembly for  
Wales

Elin Jones made a statement on Cranogwen: Master Mariner, bard and Campaigner.  
180 years since her birth.

## **Motion to elect a Member to a Committee**

The item started at 15.30

### **NDM6916 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Rebecca Evans (Labour) as a Member of the Business Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **5 Debate on the Finance Committee report: The Cost of Caring for an Ageing Population**

The item started at 15.30

### **NDM6908 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee, 'The cost of caring for an ageing population', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 October 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **6 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: State of the Roads in Wales**

The item started at 16.15

### **NDM6907 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee, 'State of Roads in Wales', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 October 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Housing

The item started at 16.59

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6909** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the number of homes being built in Wales is inadequate to meet demand.
2. Regrets that:
  - a) there are currently more than 27,000 empty homes in Wales; and
  - b) the average house price in Wales is now roughly over 6 times the average earnings due to a shortage of homes.
3. Notes the Welsh Conservatives 'Housing a Nation' white paper which presents a comprehensive strategy to tackle Wales's housing crisis and provide suitable housing for all.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to;
  - a) acknowledge the need to build at least 100,000 homes between 2021–2031; and
  - b) give greater flexibility to housing associations so that they can develop a range of tenures to meet the demand for affordable housing.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	1	37	54

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises:

- a) the record investment being made in housing by the Welsh Government.
- b) that a new assessment of housing need and demand is necessary, based on up-to-date data and the latest household projections.

2. Welcomes:

- a) the Welsh Government commitment to deliver 20,000 affordable homes during this term of government, which is on track and will be delivered in partnership with the housing sector.
- b) the introduction of land transaction tax in Wales and the £180,000 starting threshold for the main residential rate, which means that the majority of homebuyers, and the vast majority of first-time buyers, pay no tax when buying a home.

3. Acknowledges the Welsh Government's continuing commitment to social housing, which has remained a fundamental priority, supporting the most vulnerable and protecting our existing social housing stock, unlike in England.

4. Notes the flexibility available to housing associations so they can develop a range of tenures to meet the demand for affordable housing.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3 and 4 will be de-selected]*

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	3	21	54

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2, 3 and 4 were de-selected**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

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30	3	21	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.06

## 9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.08

NDM6900 [Mohammad Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#)

The white heat of technology?

Closing the skills gap in Wales in the digital age.

The meeting concluded at 18.27

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 January 2019**