

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Economy and Transport

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 Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)

The item started at 14.18

All 12 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were received

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.00



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Vaughan Gething made a statement on Black History Month

Mike Hedges made a statement marking the 45th anniversary of Swansea Sound Radio Station

Russell George made a statement celebrating the 160th anniversary of the Pryce-Jones Mail Order Store and the 140th Anniversary of the opening of Pryce-Jones Royal Welsh Warehouse

Huw Irranca-Davies made a statement marking the annual Cycle to the Senedd day being celebrated today

Motion to elect a Members to the committee on Assembly Electoral Reform (5 mins)

The item started at 15.07

NDM7157 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

Huw Irranca-Davies (Welsh Labour), Delyth Jewell (Plaid Cymru), and David Rowlands (Brexit Party) as members of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Standards of Conduct Committee report – Report 02-19

The item started at 15.08

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

NDM7148 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 02–19 [laid](#) before the Assembly on 18 September 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	4	12	53

The motion was agreed.

6 Standards of Conduct Committee report – Report 03–19

The item started at 15.33

NDM7149 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 03–19 [laid](#) before the Assembly on 19 September 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Historic Industrial Infrastructure

The item started at 15.38

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

NDM7143 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the rich and diverse network of historic industrial infrastructure across Wales.

2. Notes the economic, regeneration and integrated transport potential of re-opening disused railway lines and tunnels across Wales.
3. Recognises the practical and financial challenges of bringing such infrastructure back into use.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to seek ownership of such infrastructure which would aid funding opportunities to be sought.
5. Calls on the UK and Welsh Governments to play its part in exploring the practical opportunities for re-opening such infrastructure across Wales.

Co – Submitters

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	12	3	54

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report: Dentistry in Wales

The item started at 16.34

NDM7150 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: A Fresh Start: Inquiry into dentistry in Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 May 2019.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 July 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language

The item started at 17.00

NDM7151 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 July.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 September 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Welsh Conservatives debate – GCSE and A–Level Results

The item started at 17.36

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7153 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes this summer's GCSE and A–Level results in Wales.
2. Regrets that the GCSE A*–C results in summer 2019 were worse than in summer 2007.
3. Further regrets the fall in the percentage of learners securing A*–C GCSE grades in English, maths and Welsh second language.
4. Notes that Welsh Government research has found that performance against key indicators for years 4–9 have deteriorated.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to acknowledge its failure to significantly improve GCSE and A–Level attainment in Wales and apologise to pupils, parents and schools for letting them down.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	41	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

After point 1, delete all and replace with:

Congratulates pupils, teachers and school staff for their hard work and strong set of results.

Welcomes that:

- a) A-Level results this summer remained at a historic high;
- b) compared to English regions and Northern Ireland, Wales improved A-Level ranking for all grades and, for the first time ever, is rated first for A*;
- c) overall GCSE results showed improvement this summer;
- d) the increase of over 50 per cent in science GCSE entries since 2016, and increases this year in the percentage of pupils gaining A*-A and A*-C grades in science subjects;
- e) the number of pupils achieving A*-C in Welsh second language full course increased by 12.5 per cent;
- f) the number of pupils who sat GCSE English literature increased by 22.8 per cent, with over 2,800 more achieving A*-C grades compared with 2018.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	23	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Amendment 5 – [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Believes that Welsh GCSE and A-Level learners are being harmed by recent changes that water down school accountability and calls on the Welsh Government to reverse this trend.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	2	36	50

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7153 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes this summer's GCSE and A-Level results in Wales.
2. Congratulates pupils, teachers and school staff for their hard work and strong set of results.
3. Welcomes that:
 - a) A-Level results this summer remained at a historic high;
 - b) compared to English regions and Northern Ireland, Wales improved A-Level ranking for all grades and, for the first time ever, is rated first for A*;
 - c) overall GCSE results showed improvement this summer;
 - d) the increase of over 50 per cent in science GCSE entries since 2016, and increases this year in the percentage of pupils gaining A*-A and A*-C grades in science subjects;
 - e) the number of pupils achieving A*-C in Welsh second language full course increased by 12.5 per cent;
 - f) the number of pupils who sat GCSE English literature increased by 22.8 per cent, with over 2,800 more achieving A*-C grades compared with 2018.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	8	15	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.44, the bell was rung and the meeting adjourned and reconvened at 18.38 for voting time.

Votes Summary

12 Short Debate

The item started at 18.42

NDM7152 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Caring for care homes: how we could do more to care for care homes in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 19.14

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 October 2019