

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 5 February 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

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 International Relations and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.19

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.03

Questions 3 to 5 were asked. Questions 1 and 2 were withdrawn.

### 4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.15

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services:



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**Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement following the announcement regarding the departure of Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board's Chief Executive?

## **5 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.40

**David Rees** made a statement about Today being World Cancer Day and talking about those living with and affected by Cancer.

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** made a statement on Parkruns – Celebrating a runner from Cardiff breaking the world record last weekend.

**Jack Sargeant** made a statement marking Apprenticeships Week – praising apprenticeships, training providers, employers and apprentices, speaking as a former apprentice.

## **6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Electric Vehicle Charge Points**

The item started at 15.45

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

**NDM7239 David Melding (South Wales Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill which requires all new-build homes to be fitted with at least one electric car charge point.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to ensure that:
  - a) every new residential building with an associated car parking space has an electric charging point installed;
  - b) every residential building that is new or undergoing major renovation, with more than 10 car parking spaces, has cable routes for electric vehicle charge points in at least 50 percent of the total parking spaces.

### **Supporters**

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)**

**Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)**

David J. Rowlands (South Wales East)

Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East)

Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

Vikki Howells (Cynon Valley)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	11	1	46

The motion was agreed.

## **7 Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: Common policy frameworks: Assembly scrutiny – No motion tabled**

No motion tabled

## **8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Air Pollution**

The item started at 16.20

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7264 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that air pollution is a public health crisis, which contributes to an estimated 2,000 deaths a year in Wales.
2. Notes that large areas of Wales do not monitor air quality.
3. Calls for a clean air act for Wales, which would include measures to:

- a) give communities the right to have pollution-monitoring equipment outside of schools and hospitals;
- b) create infrastructure that would enable local authorities to introduce pollution and congestion charges where appropriate,
- c) reform the planning process to require the impact of a development on air pollution to be given greater weight in the planning system;
- d) accelerate the transition to an electric transport system so that petrol and diesel cars are phased out by 2030.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	38	47

The motion without amendment was agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls for a new national air pollution monitoring network that complements Wales' existing monitoring capabilities.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	9	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

**Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Further notes that air pollution exacerbates existing lung conditions and is a cause of asthma and lung cancer, and that the long-term impacts of poor air quality are not yet fully understood.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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46	0	1	47
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**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

In point 3, delete 'which would include measures to:' and replace with 'and for Welsh Government and UK Government to take decisive action to strengthen all measures, using legislation where necessary, to:'.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	12	47

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 4 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

In point 3, insert as new sub-points before sub-point (a) and renumber accordingly:

'enshrine in law World Health Organisation air quality guidelines;

mandate the Welsh Government to produce a statutory air quality strategy every five years;'

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	3	27	47

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 5 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

In point 3(a), insert ', and introduce a “right to breathe”' after 'hospitals'.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	3	34	47

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM7264 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that air pollution is a public health crisis, which contributes to an estimated 2,000 deaths a year in Wales.
2. Calls for a new national air pollution monitoring network that complements Wales' existing monitoring capabilities.
3. Further notes that air pollution exacerbates existing lung conditions and is a cause of asthma and lung cancer, and that the long-term impacts of poor air quality are not yet fully understood.
4. Calls for a clean air act for Wales, and for Welsh Government and UK Government to take decisive action to strengthen all measures, using legislation where necessary, to:
  - a) give communities the right to have pollution-monitoring equipment outside of schools and hospitals;
  - b) create infrastructure that would enable local authorities to introduce pollution and congestion charges where appropriate,
  - c) reform the planning process to require the impact of a development on air pollution to be given greater weight in the planning system;
  - d) accelerate the transition to an electric transport system so that petrol and diesel cars are phased out by 2030.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	1	4	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.30

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.33

**NDM7262 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)**

What is the future for council farms?

Council farms have an important role to play in the future of our agriculture industry, but the increase in sales by councils under financial pressures poses a threat to that future.

The meeting concluded at 17.50

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 February 2020**