

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 April 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

This meeting can be viewed

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/6314>

275

The item started a 13.41

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the virtual Plenary and set out that this Plenary meeting, being held by video conference in accordance with the Standing Orders of the National Assembly for Wales, constitutes proceedings of the Assembly for the purposes of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

The Llywydd stated that, having consulted with the Business Committee, some of the provisions of Standing Order 34 will apply – all of which were noted on the agenda.

The Llywydd stated that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health, though the meeting would be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

The Llywydd also reminded Members that Standing Orders relating to Order and the organisation of business in Plenary meetings would apply to this meeting.

Points of Order

The Llywydd began the meeting by inviting the Health and Social Services Minister to address the off camera comments he made towards a fellow Member at last week's meeting. The Minister stated that his comments were not intended for broadcast and had since apologised to the Member for Cardiff Central who had accepted his apology. The Minister withdrew his comments and apologised to the Llywydd and the Assembly.



The Llywydd also addressed the second point of order raised at last week's meeting regarding the scheduling of Oral Questions and Standing Order 34.18, stating that the Business Committee had agreed she should continue to disapply Standing Order 12.56 for the time being. The Llywydd reminded Members that topical questions would be reintroduced next week and reiterated that the Business Committee would continue to review the organisation of business on a weekly basis. The Llywydd thanked Members for their understanding, enabling the Assembly to carry out its functions in these unprecedented times.

1 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 13.44

2 Statement by the First Minister: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The item started at 13.44

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The item started at 14.52

At 15.51, the meeting was suspended for 10 minutes.

4 Statement by the Minister for Education: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The item started at 16.07

5 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The item started at 17.00

Proposal under Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40 to debate the following two items together and that they be subject to a single vote (30 mins)

The proposal under Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40 to debate the following two items together and subject to a single vote was agreed to.

6 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The item started at 17.52

A vote on the motions under items 6 and 7 was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7319 – [Rebecca Evans](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 March 2020.

7 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

NDM7320 – [Rebecca Evans](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

1. Approves that the draft The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 April 2020.

As indicated on the Agenda, today's vote was conducted in accordance with Standing Order 34.11.

Each political group nominated one Member of the group or grouping to carry the same number of votes as there are members of the group. In the case of a political group with an executive role, the nominee will carry the same number of votes as there are members of that group plus any other members of the government. Members who do not belong to a group or grouping voted for themselves.

Votes were conducted by roll-call.

As the Assembly had agreed to group the motions on the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 for voting, there was one vote as follows.

On behalf of the Labour Group and the government – Vikki Howells (30 votes)

On behalf of the Welsh Conservative Group – Angela Burns (11 votes)

On behalf of Plaid Cymru – Sian Gwenllian (9 votes)

On behalf of the Brexit Party – Mark Reckless (4 votes)

Gareth Bennett

Neil Hamilton

Neil McEvoy

The result of the vote on the motions was:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	6	57

The motions were agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.17

At the close of proceedings the Llywydd noted that this was the 1,378th and final meeting of the National Assembly for Wales and next week we will reconvene as Senedd Cymru – the Welsh Parliament.

The meeting concluded at 18.20

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 6 May 2020