

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 June 2020

Meeting time: 11.00

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The item started at 10.58

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 Welsh Parliament, constitutes proceedings of the Senedd 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.

Presiding Officer Statement

The item started at 10.59

The Llywydd informed the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act was given Royal Assent on 1 June 2020 and also stated that this is also the first Act of Senedd Cymru.



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1 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 10.59

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

The item started at 11.00

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 12.08

To ask the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

Neil McEvoy (South Wales Central): In light of the events in the USA, across the world and protests in Wales following the death of George Floyd, will the Welsh Government outline its policies on community cohesion?

At 12.20, the meeting was suspended for 60 minutes.

4 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The item started at 13.20

5 Statement by the Minister For Education: Update on Education Provision

The item started at 14.34

6 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Homelessness

The item started at 15.45

7 The Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.37

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

NDM7327 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 May 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	11	0	56

The motion was agreed.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Independent Covid-19 inquiry

The item started at 16.45

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7328 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls for an independent, Welsh Parliament appointed, judge-led inquiry into the Welsh Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, to be commenced at an appropriate date, when the pandemic is under control, and to be concluded prior to the next Welsh Parliament election.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	39	56

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete 'Welsh Parliament appointed, judge-led'.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	26	56

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete 'and to be concluded prior to the next Welsh Parliament election'.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	4	22	56

Amendment 2 was agreed.

As Amendment 2 was agreed amendment 3 was de-selected

Amendment 4 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for an independent judge-led inquiry to be commenced in parallel, into the UK Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	35	56

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7328 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls for an independent inquiry into the Welsh Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, to be commenced at an appropriate date, when the pandemic is under control.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	5	11	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.51

As indicated on the Agenda, today's votes were 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.

The meeting concluded at 18.00

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 10 June 2020