

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 December 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 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 14.21

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.15

Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): What steps is the Government taking to tackle the antibiotics shortage over the Christmas period?

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership



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[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#): What action is the Welsh Government proposing to ensure more rigorous employment standards in Welsh fire and rescue services in light of the allegations against South Wales Fire and Rescue Service?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.30

Natasha Asghar made a statement on – The start of the festival of Hanukkah (18 December).

Janet Finch–Saunders made a statement on – #OperationPickstock – a knife–crime awareness campaign in Aberconwy.

5 Statement by Peter Fox – Introduction of a Member Proposed Bill: Food (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.35

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Gender based violence: The needs of migrant women

The item started at 16.26

NDM8166 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report on Gender based violence – The needs of migrant women, [laid](#) on 26 October 2022.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 December 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Child poverty

The item started at 17.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8165 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that child poverty rates in Wales are the highest in the UK.
2. Recognises that the current cost of living crisis is exacerbating recent trends which have seen child poverty rates increase in Wales, despite the Welsh Government's pledge to eradicate child poverty by 2020.
3. Notes that the Welsh Government does not currently possess a strategy on tackling child poverty, despite repeated calls from the Children's Commissioner for Wales and other child poverty action groups for specific and urgent focus and action in this area.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a child poverty strategy, underpinned by statutory targets, as a matter of urgency.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	38	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the significant investment of the Welsh Government in tackling child poverty and that in line with its current Child Poverty Strategy, the Welsh Government will this month publish its update report and will be publishing a refreshed strategy in 2023.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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24	0	22	46
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8165 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the significant investment of the Welsh Government in tackling child poverty and that in line with its current Child Poverty Strategy, the Welsh Government will this month publish its update report and will be publishing a refreshed strategy in 2023.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	8	14	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.58

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.01

NDM8148 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

Banking services in Cymraeg

The meeting concluded at 18.17

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 January 2023