

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 March 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 10 questions were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. Questions 5, 9 and 10 were answered by the Deputy Minister. 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 14.21

The first 9 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 15.10

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the collapse of construction company Dawnus, which has gone into administration

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport



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Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the Swansea Bay City Deal following the publication of the Swansea Bay City Deal independent review?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.44

Vikki Howells made a statement on – 35th anniversary of the start of the 1984–85 Miner’s Strike.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee (5 mins)

NDM7017 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.3 and 17.13(ii), elects Janet Finch–Saunders (Welsh Conservatives) as a Member of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in place of David Rowlands (United Kingdom Independence Party).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate: Stage 4 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.46

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

NDM7003 – [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill. The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	3	1	50

The motion was agreed.

6 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Mobile Action Plan Update

The item started at 16.01

NDM6998 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its Inquiry: Mobile Action Plan Update, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 January 2019

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report: Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education

The item started at 16.39

NDM6996 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report – Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 December 2018.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – The Kurds in Turkey

The item started at 17.20

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6999 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, whilst foreign affairs is a matter currently reserved to the UK Government and Parliament, Section 62 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 provides that “The Welsh Ministers, the First Minister and the Counsel General may make appropriate representations about any matter affecting Wales”.
2. Recognises the substantial Kurdish community in Wales.
3. Notes that a resident of Wales – İmam Sis, a young Kurdish man – is on an indefinite, non-alternating hunger strike as of 17 December 2018, which was initiated to protest the isolation of the Kurdish leader Abdullah Öcalan who has been imprisoned by Turkey since 1999 under conditions which are understood to contravene the Turkish state’s legal obligations in relation to human rights.
4. Notes that hunger strikes are taking place across Europe and the world, including by Leyla Güven, an elected member of the Turkish Parliament.
5. Notes that Turkey is a signatory to several international human rights treaties, including the European Convention of Human Rights as a member of the Council of Europe.
6. Expresses its concern at the reasons behind the hunger strikes.
7. Recognises that the ultimate aim of the hunger strikes is to see a peaceful, political solution to the Kurdish question in Turkey.
8. Affirms the importance that human rights obligations are upheld in Turkey.
9. Calls on the Welsh Government, on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales, to write to the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment calling for the committee to visit İmrali Prison to assess the conditions of Abdullah Öcalan.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	14	11	50

The motion without amendment was agreed.

9 Plaid Cymru debate – Women against state pension inequality campaign

The item started at 17.56

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7000 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the continuing women against state pension inequality campaign.
2. Calls on the UK Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the state pension age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government in support of the WASPI campaign.
4. Calls on the Counsel General to consider what action the Welsh Government could take in relation to the expected litigation against the Department for Work and Pensions for the alleged mishandling of raising the state pension age for women born in the 1950s.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	8	49

The motion without amendment was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.36

11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.38

NDM6997 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Fighting for Future Services – the case for protecting services at Withybush hospital.

The meeting concluded at 19.05

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 26 March 2019