

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 June 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 8 questions were asked. 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 14.26

The first 7 questions were asked.

Point of Order

The item started at 15.08

David Rees raised a point of order regarding a Brexit Party Member shouting ‘liar’ from a sedentary position during one of the Counsel General’s answers to a question. The Llywydd thanked the Member for giving her the opportunity to reflect on recent use of language in the Chamber, including a similar accusation using the same term by a Plaid Cymru Member against a Brexit Party Member last week. The Llywydd stated that too many Members are disrespectful to other Members, and she doesn’t want to be spending all her time policing the use of language by Members in this place. The Llywydd reminded Members that they should act courteously in their exchanges, and



stated that accusations of 'liar' and disrespectful language would not be tolerated further.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.10

To ask the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Deputy Minister make a statement in response to the announcement that a number of citizens in Wales are likely to lose their entitlement to a free television licence?

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): In light of a report by the Welsh Affairs Committee stating Air Passenger Duty should be fully devolved to Wales, will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans for abolishing or reducing the rate if the power is transferred to Wales?

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

Jayne Bryant (Newport West): Will the Minister make a statement in response to the announcement that Quinn Radiators has gone into administration?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.46

Jayne Bryant made a statement on Carers Week.

Mike Hedges made a statement on the work being done to commemorate Daniel James (Gwryrosydd).

Bethan Sayed made a statement on Eid/Ramadan.

Motions to elect Members to Committees

The item started at 15.51

In accordance with Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40, the motions to elect Members to committees were grouped for debate and for voting.

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

NDM7072 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Mark Reckless (Brexit Party) as a member of the Finance Committee.

NDM7073 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Mandy Jones (Brexit Party) as a member of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.

NDM7074 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Caroline Jones (Brexit Party) as a member of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee.

NDM7075 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

- a) David Rowlands (Brexit Party) as a member of the Standards of Conduct Committee; and
- b) Caroline Jones (Brexit Party) as an alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	0	12

As 2/3rds of the Members voting did support the Motions, the Motions were agreed.

**5 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report:
Physical Activity of Children and Young People**

The item started at 15.51

NDM7061 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on the physical activity of children and young people, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 March 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Plaid Cymru debate – Alternatives to the M4 Relief Road

The item started at 16.55

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7066 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls for the investment initially earmarked for the Welsh Government's rejected M4 relief road proposal to be refocused towards the rapid development of a long-term vision for a green and sustainable integrated Welsh transport network, which includes giving priority to addressing the congestion issues around Newport.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales plays a central role in guiding strategic and long-term national infrastructure planning.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	28	38

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the decision and oral statement made by the First Minister on Tuesday 4th June regarding the M4 corridor around Newport project.
2. Notes the proposed next steps outlined by the Minister for Economy and Transport and an expert Commission to be led by Lord Terry Burns.
3. Recognises the significant congestion issues on the M4 network around the Brynglas Tunnels and the impact it has on Newport and the wider economy.
4. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to developing and funding sustainable and effective solutions to congestion issues as part of an integrated, multi-modal and low carbon transport system

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	20	39

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

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

Delete point 1.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	9	38

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the £114 million of Welsh tax payer's money that has been wasted on developing the M4 relief road proposals

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	20	39

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further regrets the failure of successive Welsh Labour Governments to deliver a solution to congestion on the M4.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	20	39

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently provide clarity as to its future plans for resolving the congestion on the M4 around Newport.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	19	37

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7066 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales plays a central role in guiding strategic and long-term national infrastructure planning.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
7	6	25	38

The motion as amended was not agreed.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Reducing Plastic Waste

The item started at 17.46

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7065 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the growing importance that the Welsh public places on reducing plastic waste.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to strengthen supply chains in Wales to prevent the export of 'environmental pollution' to third countries and retain public confidence.
3. Believes the Welsh Government should use its powers to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government and other devolved nations to take steps to help eliminate avoidable plastic waste by also:
 - a) banning the supply of plastic straws, exempting individuals with disabilities;
 - b) preventing the supply of plastic-stemmed cotton buds except for scientific use; and
 - c) banning drinks stirrers.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	26	38

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the growing importance that the Welsh public places on reducing plastic waste.
2. Acknowledges that Wales is leading the way in the UK with current municipal recycling rates at 62.7 per cent.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to strengthen supply chains in Wales to prevent the export of ‘environmental pollution’ to third countries and retain public confidence.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government’s commitment to reducing single use plastic bottles in Wales, including the Re-Fill Nation initiative.
5. Notes that the Welsh Government is continuing to work with the UK Government on proposals for introducing a deposit return scheme and believes the Welsh Government should explore how it could introduce such a scheme.
6. Recognises that the Welsh Government is committed to restricting the availability of plastic straws and banning drink stirrers and cotton buds in Wales, in line with the European Union’s single-use plastic directive, along with plastic cutlery, plates; expanded polystyrene food and drinks containers, and balloon sticks.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	17	38

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to use its powers to update festival planning and licencing guidelines to eliminate single-use plastics.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	0	38

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a ban on plastic food packaging which isn't recyclable or biodegradable, which would include polystyrene and plastic film packaging.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	11	0	38

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7065 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the growing importance that the Welsh public places on reducing plastic waste.
2. Acknowledges that Wales is leading the way in the UK with current municipal recycling rates at 62.7 per cent.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to strengthen supply chains in Wales to prevent the export of 'environmental pollution' to third countries and retain public confidence.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to reducing single use plastic bottles in Wales, including the Re-Fill Nation initiative.

5. Notes that the Welsh Government is continuing to work with the UK Government on proposals for introducing a deposit return scheme and believes the Welsh Government should explore how it could introduce such a scheme.
6. Recognises that the Welsh Government is committed to restricting the availability of plastic straws and banning drink stirrers and cotton buds in Wales, in line with the European Union's single-use plastic directive, along with plastic cutlery, plates; expanded polystyrene food and drinks containers, and balloon sticks.
7. Calls on the Welsh Government to use its powers to update festival planning and licencing guidelines to eliminate single-use plastics.
8. Calls for a ban on plastic food packaging which isn't recyclable or biodegradable, which would include polystyrene and plastic film packaging.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	5	38

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.37

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.44

NDM7064 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Tackling the rise of scams in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 19.02

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 June 2019