

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–4 and 6–9 were asked. Question 5 was transferred for written answer. Questions 10 and 12 were not asked. Question 11 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 14.08

The first 9 questions were asked. Question 3 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were received

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.52



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Helen Mary Jones made a statement on supporting an event being held at the Urdd City Sleepover in Cardiff Bay on the 18th and 19th of December.

Suzy Davies made a statement on the 40th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Caroline Jones made a statement on the Cwm Brombil Women's Institute.

5 Motion to annul The Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Specified Information) (Wales) Regulations 2019 – WITHDRAWN

The item was withdrawn

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Nurse Staffing Levels

The item started at 14.57

NDM7215 [Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Royal College of Nursing Wales's report, Progress and Challenge: the Implementation of the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016.
2. Notes more nurses leave the NHS than join.
3. Calls on Welsh Government to set out how the Welsh NHS will increase the opportunities for flexible working as part of a national nursing retention strategy.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	14	0	44

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report – Access to Banking

The item started at 15.34

NDM7219 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its Inquiry into: Access to Banking which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 October 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives debate – School Education

The item started at 16.35

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7218 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 2018 PISA results.

2. Regrets that:

a) there has been no statistically significant improvement in Wales's PISA scores in reading and maths since 2006;

b) Wales's science scores are significantly worse than in 2006;

c) Wales is ranked bottom of the UK nations in reading, maths and science;

d) Wales is the only UK nation to score below the OECD average in all PISA measures.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

a) acknowledge its failure to improve education in Wales;

b) apologise to pupils, parents and schools for letting them down;

c) guarantee that additional resources arising from increased spending on schools by the UK Government will be invested on schools in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	44

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes that Wales is the only UK nation to improve in each domain.

Welcomes:

a) Wales's best ever scores in reading and maths, and improvement in science;

b) a reduction in the gap between our most disadvantaged learners and their peers;

c) the improvement in performance of high performing students.

Believes the improvement in PISA scores is testament to the hard work of teachers and pupils across Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	17	44

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed amendment 2 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7218 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 2018 PISA results.
2. Notes that Wales is the only UK nation to improve in each domain.
3. Welcomes:
 - a) Wales's best ever scores in reading and maths, and improvement in science;
 - b) a reduction in the gap between our most disadvantaged learners and their peers;
 - c) the improvement in performance of high performing students.
4. Believes the improvement in PISA scores is testament to the hard work of teachers and pupils across Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	17	44

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.32

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10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.35

NDM7220 [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

Meeting the care challenges of the twenty first century.

The meeting concluded at 18.03

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 January 2020