

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

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 13.31

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 Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.20

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. 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 the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language:

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#): What further action will the Government take in response to serious disruption to education early in the new school term due to an increase in COVID-19 cases?



To the Minister for Social Justice:

[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to address women's safety in public places?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.32

Rhys ab Owen made a statement on the unveiling of a statue for Betty Campbell – Wales' first black head teacher who championed her nation's multicultural heritage throughout her life.

Jayne Bryant made a statement on the 75th Anniversary of the Newport and Gwent Literary Club.

Russell George made a statement on the British Heart Foundation and their campaign for Gender Inequality and Heart Disease.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 15.39 the meeting was suspended by the Deputy Presiding Officer.

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv): Dementia

The item started at 15.51

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

NDM7773 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with and affected by dementia in Wales;
- b) the importance of unpaid carers in ensuring that the social care system in Wales was able to operate during the pandemic.

2. Further notes the necessity of an accurate dementia diagnosis to allow for unpaid carers, the health and social care systems and other bodies and service providers to accurately plan person-centred services, as stated in the national dementia action plan.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) fund research into developing accurate diagnostic tools to ensure that people who receive a diagnosis of dementia can access the correct support immediately post diagnosis;

b) fund post diagnostic support for all types of dementia across Wales;

c) establish a national dementia data observatory to ensure accuracy in dementia data and to collect, analyse and disseminate data on dementia to all service providers wishing to access data to help plan and deliver dementia services across Wales.

[Dementia Action Plan for Wales 2018-22](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	14	0	54

The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate: COVID passes

The motion was not moved.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate: Transport

The item started at 16.53

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7784 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the positive economic impact of the removal of the Severn crossing tolls.

2. Regrets Welsh Government proposals which could lead to charges for motorists using the M4, A470, the A55 and other trunk roads.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) rule out the introduction of tolls and road pricing on Welsh roads;

b) promote greener transport through action such as:

i) increasing the provision of electric charging points on the Welsh road network;

ii) the further promotion of active travel; and

iii) the extension of free bus passes to those aged 16 to 25.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

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:

1. Recognises that we are in a climate emergency and notes that 17 per cent of Wales's emissions come from transport.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to reduce the number of car journeys made and to encourage people to shift transport modes to public transport and active travel;

b) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to decarbonise vehicles and invest and co-ordinate the charging infrastructure to enable people to transition to electric vehicles and bikes with confidence.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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28	0	26	54
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2, 3 and 4 were de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7784 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

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1. Recognises that we are in a climate emergency and notes that 17 per cent of Wales's emissions come from transport.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to reduce the number of car journeys made and to encourage people to shift transport modes to public transport and active travel;
 - b) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to decarbonise vehicles and invest and co-ordinate the charging infrastructure to enable people to transition to electric vehicles and bikes with confidence.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.48 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.52

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.55

NDM7785 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

Hands up on Holden – Time for transparency on mental health services in North Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.19

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 October 2021