

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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

### 1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 2, 3 and 9 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Minister for Economy

The item started at 14.24

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

### Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 15.12

NNDM8111 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:



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Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8110 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 19 October.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### 3 Legislative Consent Motion on the Energy Prices Bill

The item started at 15.12

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

NNDM8110 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

In accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Energy Prices Bill in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 18 October 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	10	50

The motion was agreed.

### 4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were submitted.

## 5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.39

Jack Sargeant made a statement on – Marking three decades of Toyota engine production on Deeside.

John Griffiths made a statement on – Love our Colleges Week (17–21 October).

Laura Anne Jones made a statement on – World Menopause Day (18 October).

## 6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Renewable energy in Wales

The item started at 15.43

NDM8102 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: ‘Renewable energy in Wales’, [laid](#) on 26 May 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 July 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration report – Care Home Commissioning

The item started at 16.34

NDM8104 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on its inquiry into Care Home Commissioning, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 1 September 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 October 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 Debate on petition P-06-1294 – Don't leave metastatic breast cancer patients in Wales behind**

The item started at 17.17

**NDM8103** [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1294 Don't leave metastatic breast cancer patients in Wales behind](#)' which received 14,106 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Business rates**

The item started at 17.44

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8105** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that Wales has the highest business rates in Great Britain.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to take immediate action to reduce non-domestic rates to support businesses and protect jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	36	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the different non-domestic rates tax base in Wales, with a larger proportion of small and medium-sized businesses.
2. Welcomes:
  - a) the non-domestic rates relief Welsh Government provides to ratepayers every year, which means 44 per cent pay no bills at all.
  - b) the £116m of extra support for retail, leisure and hospitality businesses this year to help them recover from the pandemic, providing up to 50 per cent relief on their non-domestic rates bills.
  - c) that, as a combined result of these reliefs, 70 per cent of non-domestic properties in Wales are receiving support with their non-domestic rates bills in 2022-23.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2** [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to replace the current system of non-domestic rates with proposals for a new single land and property tax covering residential, commercial, and industrial land (with agricultural land remaining exempt).

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

**NDM8105** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

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  - c) that, as a combined result of these reliefs, 70 per cent of non-domestic properties in Wales are receiving support with their non-domestic rates bills in 2022-23.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 10 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.44, at 18.18 the bell was rung and the meeting suspended until Voting Time.

The item started at 18.26

## 11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.28

**NDM8095** [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

Living with cancer in Wales: improving access to prehabilitation and rehabilitation services.

The meeting concluded at 18.48

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 October 2022**