

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

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 Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–6 and 8–9 were asked. Questions 1 and 9 were grouped together for answer. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice

The item started at 14.18

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

### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.03

All 6 questions were asked.



## 4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.32

### To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

#### [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionydd\)](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement following the publication of the report on the Infected Blood Inquiry?

### To ask the First Minister

#### [Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru ending?

### To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language

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

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about designating Wylfa as the preferred site for developing a nuclear power station?

## 5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.08

Peredur Owen Griffiths: 200 years of Capel y Berthen, Lixwm

Rhys ab Owen: Owen John Thomas, former Member of the Welsh Assembly (1999–2007): paying tribute to his late father Owen John, who died on 14th May 2024

Cefin Campbell: wishing the Urdd Eisteddfod all the best while it is held in Meifod, Montgomeryshire next week.

James Evans: Senedd Dog of the Year Competition. Inaugural event organised by The Kennel Club and Dogs Trust.

## 6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill for political education

The item started at 16.16

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

NDM8580 [Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a political education bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of the bill would be to:
  - a) ensure that all learners in schools and colleges in Wales receive specific education relating to Welsh politics and democracy;
  - b) require all schools and colleges ensure learners understand the importance of civic engagement in the Welsh democratic process; and
  - c) ensure that 16 and 17 year-olds feel more confident and knowledgeable about elections and the purpose and process of casting their vote.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	30	4	46

The motion was agreed.

## **7 Debate on petition P-06-1407 – We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law**

The item started at 16.40

**NDM8587 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1407 We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law](#)' which received 469,571 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Tourism**

The item started at 17.48

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8589 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the vital contribution that the tourism sector makes to Wales, accounting for over 150,000 jobs and 5 per cent of GDP.
2. Regrets that Wales's tourism sector still hasn't recovered to pre-pandemic levels.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to support Wales's tourism sector by:
  - a) freeing Welsh tourism by making Visit Wales independent;

b) scrapping the tourism tax;

c) reducing the 182-day occupancy threshold to 105 days;

d) introducing a tourism and hospitality academy to upskill the sector for the future;  
and

e) proactively capitalising on major events.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	33	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the vital contribution that the tourism sector makes to Wales.

2. Regrets that Wales's tourism sector still hasn't recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

3. Notes the Welsh Government's support to the sector and the commitment to working with the sector and local authorities to:

a) introduce a visitor levy should they choose to, subject to consultation;

b) maintain the discretionary powers and guidance on council tax and second homes;

c) explore a tourism and hospitality academy to upskill the sector for the future; and

d) proactively capitalise on major events.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	22	46

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:

**NDM8589 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the vital contribution that the tourism sector makes to Wales.
2. Regrets that Wales's tourism sector still hasn't recovered to pre-pandemic levels.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's support to the sector and the commitment to working with the sector and local authorities to:
  - a) introduce a visitor levy should they choose to, subject to consultation;
  - b) maintain the discretionary powers and guidance on council tax and second homes;
  - c) explore a tourism and hospitality academy to upskill the sector for the future; and
  - d) proactively capitalise on major events.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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24	0	22	46
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The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.48

## Votes Summary

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.53

**NDM8588 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

A construction skills system fit for the future.

The meeting concluded at 19.16

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 June 2024**