

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 16 July 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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Presiding Officer statement

At 13.30, in accordance with Standing Order 8.5, the Presiding Officer notified the Senedd of the resignation from government of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language and the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning.

Personal Statement – Vaughan Gething

The item started at 13.30

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.35

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

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.33



3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: The Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.04

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport: Transport update

The item started at 15.39

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5–6 together but with separate votes

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes was agreed

5 The Digital Government (Welsh Bodies) Regulations 2024

The item started at 16.17

NDM8638 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Digital Government (Welsh Bodies) Regulations 2024 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 June 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 The Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024

The item started at 16.17

NDM8637 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 June 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 7–8 together but with separate votes

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes was agreed

7 The general principles of The Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

The item started at 16.17

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

NDM8614 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill.

The [Senedd Cymru \(Electoral Candidate Lists\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 11 March 2024.

The report of the Reform Bill Committee on the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 7 June 2024.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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39	0	14	53
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The motion was agreed.

8 The financial resolution in respect of The Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

The item started at 16.17

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

NDM8615 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

The motion was agreed.

9 The Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill: Signification of His Majesty's Consent

The item started at 17.34

10 Stage 4 of The Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.34

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

NDM8645 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill.

[Local Government Finance \(Wales\) Bill – as amended at Stage 3](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

The motion was agreed.

11 Debate: Welsh Government Annual Report – delivering the government’s priorities and legislative programme

The item started at 17.45

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

NDM8639 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 11.21(ii):

1. Notes:

a) the Welsh Government Annual Report 2023/24;

b) progress on the legislative programme.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of clear targets and measurable reporting on outcomes.

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide:

- a) more information about how it measures progress on its legislative programme; and
- b) an assessment of how it is making progress against these measures.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets:

- a) the lack of sufficient progress in reducing NHS waiting times and improving emergency department performance;
- b) recent PISA education results that show a decline in educational outcomes in Wales; and
- c) that workers in Wales are paid less than those in other parts of the UK.

Does not believe that either the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme or Annual Report demonstrates sufficient attention to these key challenges.

Calls upon the Welsh Government to develop a clear action plan to:

- a) improve NHS performance;
- b) improve educational outcomes; and

c) improve incomes in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	28	54

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 11.21(ii):

1. Notes:

a) the Welsh Government Annual Report 2023/24;

b) progress on the legislative programme.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	26	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

12 Voting Time

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.24

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 17 July 2024