

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 July 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 Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–8, 10 and 11 were asked. Question 9 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

The item started at 14.16

Questions 1–6 and 8 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

### 3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.08



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## Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the new special measures framework at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board?

### **4 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.26

**Sian Gwenllian** made a statement on – 40 years of Antur Waunfawr, a social enterprise providing employment and training opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

### **Motions to elect Members to committees**

The proposal under Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40 to group the following motions for debate and for voting was agreed.

The item started at 15.27

#### **NNDM8646 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Samuel Kurtz (Welsh Conservatives) in place of Natasha Asghar (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

The item started at 15.27

#### **NNDM8647 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Natasha Asghar (Welsh Conservatives) in place of Samuel Kurtz (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **Motion to suspend Standing Orders**

The item started at 15.28

**NNDM8649** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) in order to allow NNDM8648 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 26.17(iii) in relation to the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill**

The item started at 15.29

**NNDM8648** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.17(iii), agrees that Stage 2 proceedings of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill be considered by a Committee of the Whole Senedd.

[Senedd Cymru \(Electoral Candidate Lists\) Bill](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **6 Statement by the Chair of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Individual Member Accountability**

The item started at 15.29

## **7 Finance Committee Debate – Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2025–26 budget**

The item started at 15.36

**NDM8642** [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the engagement work undertaken by the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2025–26 budget, and further notes the representations made by participants at the following events:

- a) a stakeholder event at Canolfan S4C yr Egin, Carmarthen;
- b) citizen engagement focus groups; and
- c) engagement events with young people.

[Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Finance Committee Summary Engagement Report](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee Report – State of play: Public service broadcasting in Wales**

The item started at 16.56

**NDM8641** [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee ‘State of play: Public Service Broadcasting in Wales’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 March 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 19 June 2024.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Motion under Section 37(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 2006**

The item started at 17.44

**NDM8643** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

In light of the personal statement made by Hannah Blythyn MS to the Senedd on 9 July 2024, and acting in accordance with Section 37(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, requires the First Minister to produce for the purposes of the Senedd, with appropriate redactions to ensure anonymity of witnesses, all evidence he relied upon in deciding to dismiss the former Minister for Social Partnership from the Welsh Government.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **10 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Farming**

The item started at 18.04

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8644** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Celebrates the valuable economic contribution of Welsh farming to the Welsh economy.
2. Acknowledges the benefits of events such as the Royal Welsh Show, the National Eisteddfod and summer shows in supporting rural communities and promoting the Welsh culture and the Welsh language.
3. Supports the strength of feeling in the agricultural community against the sustainable farming scheme, and the powerful message of no farmers no food.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) ensure a new sustainable farming scheme has the support of the farming community, with food security and environmental protection at its heart, highlighting the powerful message of no farmers no food; and
  - b) work with the UK Government to expand on its 87 words regarding farming in the UK Labour general election manifesto, to bring forward a plan for farming and farmers across the United Kingdom.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	38	54

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's response to the 'Sustainable Farming Scheme: Keeping farmers farming' consultation published on 11 July 2024.

Welcomes the collaborative approach taken by Welsh Government to continue engaging with stakeholders to finalise the Sustainable Farming Scheme, in line with the Sustainable Land Management objectives of the Agriculture (Wales) Act.

[Welsh Government's response to the 'Sustainable Farming Scheme: Keeping farmers farming' consultation](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	28	54

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets:

a) that the rural communities of Wales have lost £243 million despite a commitment of 'not a penny less' from the previous UK government; and

b) that new trade agreements have opened the door to cheaper imports which threaten to undermine domestic producers.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	15	52

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Add as new sub-point at end of point 4:

secure with the UK Government a budget of over £500 million each year for agriculture which takes inflation into account, to ensure that the industry's ambitions for food, nature and climate can be achieved;

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

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

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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3. Supports the strength of feeling in the agricultural community against the sustainable farming scheme, and the powerful message of no farmers no food.
4. Regrets:
  - a) that the rural communities of Wales have lost £243 million despite a commitment of 'not a penny less' from the previous UK government; and

b) that new trade agreements have opened the door to cheaper imports which threaten to undermine domestic producers.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) ensure a new sustainable farming scheme has the support of the farming community, with food security and environmental protection at its heart, highlighting the powerful message of no farmers no food; and

b) work with the UK Government to expand on its 87 words regarding farming in the UK Labour general election manifesto, to bring forward a plan for farming and farmers across the United Kingdom.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	14	23	52

The motion as amended was not agreed.

## 11 Voting Time

The item started at 18.33

## 12 Short Debate

The item started at 18.37

**NDM8640** [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

Confronting the crisis: tackling youth homelessness in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.56

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 September 2024**