

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 27 November 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 Economy, Energy and Planning

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 4 was answered by the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

The item started at 14.21

Questions 1 and 3–9 were asked. Question 2 was withdrawn. Question 3 was answered by the Minister for Children and Social Care. Questions 7 and 8 were answered by the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 3.

3 Topical Questions

No topical questions were accepted



4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.06

Mabon ap Gwynfor made a statement on – World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week.

5 Statement by James Evans – Update on the proposed Mental Health Standards of Care (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.08

6 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Development Bank of Wales

The item started at 15.23

NDM8746 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Development Bank of Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 July 2024, and on which the Welsh Government [laid](#) its response on 20 November 2024. The Development Bank of Wales [responded](#) on 4 September 2024, followed by an updated [response](#) on 29 October 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee report – Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22

The item started at 16.00

NDM8745 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee report, ‘Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 26 June 2024.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 November 2024. Amgueddfa Cymru [responded](#) on 4 October 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Agricultural property relief

The item started at 16.38

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8747 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the UK Labour Government to reverse its decision to impose a family farm tax on agricultural businesses.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	26	50

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 important contribution that farmers make to our economy, food production, environment and communities.
2. Notes the decision taken by the UK Government to make changes to agricultural property relief.
3. Recognises the UK Government's changes to agricultural property relief were made in the context of the damage inflicted by the previous UK Government on public services and the £22 billion black hole in public finances.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's wide range of support for farmers, including securing the extension of agricultural property relief from April 2025 to include the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh and UK Governments to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of the tax changes on agricultural businesses, to understand the impact it is likely to have on the sustainability and viability of family farms in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	26	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the important contribution that farmers make to our economy, food production, environment and communities.
2. Notes the decision taken by the UK Government to make changes to agricultural property relief.
3. Recognises the UK Government's changes to agricultural property relief were made in the context of the damage inflicted by the previous UK Government on public services and the £22 billion black hole in public finances.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's wide range of support for farmers, including securing the extension of agricultural property relief from April 2025 to include the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Small businesses and taxation

The item started at 17.06

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8748 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Small Business Saturday will take place on 7 December 2024.
2. Recognises the vital contribution that small businesses make in creating jobs, supporting communities and developing local economies across Wales.
3. Believes that the UK Labour Government has broken a manifesto commitment by raising national insurance contributions and notes that the British Retail Consortium and 79 prominent retail leaders have indicated that the increase will lead to higher prices, job losses, and damage investment.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) make urgent representations to the UK Government to reverse an increase in national insurance contributions; and
 - b) reinstate business rates relief to 75 per cent for the retail, hospitality and leisure sector to support small businesses and protect jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	26	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Notes the UK Government's decision to increase employer national insurance contributions in the autumn budget in order to assist in stabilising the nation's finances.

Recognises additional non-domestic rates relief has been available to retail, leisure and hospitality businesses for five successive years, at a cost of £1 billion, alongside the Welsh Government's annual £250m package of permanent rates reliefs.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

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26	0	24	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Small Business Saturday will take place on 7 December 2024.
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3. Notes the UK Government's decision to increase employer national insurance contributions in the autumn budget in order to assist in stabilising the nation's finances.
4. Recognises additional non-domestic rates relief has been available to retail, leisure and hospitality businesses for five successive years, at a cost of £1 billion, alongside the Welsh Government's annual £250m package of permanent rates reliefs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 17.41

11 Short Debate

The item started at 17.45

NDM8733 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

Industrial pollution: The impact of Wales's industrial legacy on our landscapes

The meeting concluded at 18.17

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 December 2024