

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–4 and 6–11 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. 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 14.19

3 Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme 2025–26

The item started at 14.44

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: NHS Dental reform

The item started at 15.23



5 Statement by the Minister for Children and Social Care: Transformation Programme for Children's Social Services

The item started at 16.02

6 Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2024–25

The item started at 16.39

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

NDM8831 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2024–25 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2025.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	23	0	47

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate: The Estyn Annual Report 2023–24

The item started at 17.10

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

NDM8856 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the 2023–24 Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales that was [laid](#) in Table Office on 21 February 2025.
2. Notes that the Welsh education and training sectors have significant strengths but there are areas that continue to require improvement.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Estyn's 2024–25 Annual Report has highlighted issues around reduced attendance, poor pupil behaviour and challenges around recruiting staff, which are having a negative impact on education in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	25	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales's latest PISA results for maths, reading and writing are the lowest in the United Kingdom.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	25	47

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

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

Add as a new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets that the Annual Report notes that:

a) at the current rate of improvement, it would take over 10 years for secondary attendance to improve to pre-pandemic levels;

- b) teacher recruitment to subjects with a shortage or can deliver through the medium of Welsh, continues to cause particular concern; and
- c) in too many cases, the quality of teaching and assessment is not good enough.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	0

The motion was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.14

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.18

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 19 March 2025