

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 April 2025

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 and Welsh Language

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 8 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

The item started at 14.27

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 3 was answered by the Minister for Further and Higher Education. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.09

Answered by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): What steps will the Welsh Government take to address the concerns raised by the farming sector following the statutory review of the Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations?



Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#): What pressure is the Welsh Government putting on the UK Government to speed up the delivery of compensation payments to people infected and affected by the contaminated blood scandal?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.59

Mark Isherwood made a statement on – World Autism Awareness Day (2 April)

5 Urgent debate – The impact of the Chancellor's recent welfare reforms

The item started at 16.01

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): The impact of the Chancellor's recent welfare reforms

6 Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee: Debate on the gaps identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination – POSTPONED

This item has been postponed.

7 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee Report: Individual Member Accountability: Deliberate deception

The item started at 17.14

NDM8874 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Standards of Conduct Committee, 'Individual Member Accountability: Deliberate deception', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 19 February 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 26 March 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Child payments

The item started at 18.06

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8875 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a child payment.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the range of actions the Welsh Government is taking to address the purpose of a child payment such as the additional investments being made through the Welsh Government's final budget for 2025–26, including an extra £30 million for childcare and additional £1.4 million for the work to ensure people in Wales are claiming every pound they are entitled to.
2. Notes the commitment as part of the Welsh Government's final budget for 2024–25 to engage with the Scottish Government to better understand the Scottish Child Payment and how it operates.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

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.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

9 Voting time

The item started at 19.00

Votes Summary

10 Short debate

The item started at 19.02

NDM8876 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wreccsam\)](#)

Gresford Colliery: the mining disaster that shaped a community.

The meeting concluded at 19.31

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 April 2025