

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

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

### 2 Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 14.29

**NNDM9223** [Mark Drakeford \(Cardiff West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 26.45, agrees to consider amendments to the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill at Report Stage.
2. In accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8, suspends Standing Orders 11.16, 26.30, 26.45A, 26.46A and 26.59 to allow the Report Stage to be taken on 17 March 2026.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.



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### 3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.29

### 4 Statement by the First Minister: The Welsh Government response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry Modules 2, 2A, 2B, 2C Report

The item started at 14.58

### 5 The Representation of the People (Absent Voting and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The item started at 15.26

#### NDM9213 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Representation of the People (Absent Voting and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 February 2026.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### 6 The Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022 (Extension of Expiry Date) Regulations 2026

The item started at 15.33

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

#### NDM9212 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022 (Extension of Expiry Date) Regulations 2026 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 February 2026.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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36	0	12	48
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The motion was agreed.

## 7 Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2025–26

The item started at 15.45

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

### NDM9186 [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 2025–26 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 February 2026.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- (i) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- (ii) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- (iii) a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- (iv) a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion;
- (v) a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c); and

(vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	21	3	50

The motion was agreed.

## 8 Legislative Consent Motion: The Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill

The item started at 16.16

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

NDM9211 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill in so far as they have regard to devolved matters, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was laid in Table Office on 24 March 2025 and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda were laid in Table Office on [28 May 2025](#), [12 June 2025](#), [16 January 2026](#), and [10 March 2026](#), in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the UK Parliament website:

[Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	13	50

The motion was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 16.58

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.01 the Presiding Officer suspended the meeting to allow a break before the next item. The bell was rung at 17.06

## 10 Debate: Stage 3 of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The item started at 17.14

The amendments were disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 agreed by the Senedd on 10 March 2026.

**Amendment 1 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on amendment 20:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	38	51

**Amendment 20 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 10 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 2 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 3 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on amendment 11:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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24	0	27	51
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**Amendment 11 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on amendment 21:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	27	51

**Amendment 21 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 4 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on amendment 12:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	1	26	52

**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 amendment 18:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	1	0	51

**Amendment 18 was agreed.**

**Amendment 5 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 6 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 7 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 8 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on amendment 16:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	1	51

**Amendment 16 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on amendment 19:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	1	51

**Amendment 19 was agreed.**

**Amendment 9 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on amendment 17:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	1	51

**Amendment 17 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on amendment 14:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	37	51

**Amendment 14 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on amendment 15:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	1	51

**Amendment 15 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on amendment 13:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

**Amendment 13 was not agreed.**

**All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.**

## **11 Debate: Stage 4 of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill**

The item started at 18.26

The Counsel General and Minister for Delivery proposed that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

**In accordance with Standing Order 26.50C, voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	1	51

**The motion was agreed.**

## **12 Debate: Report Stage for the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 18.42

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate arise in the Bill.

Amendment 1 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Report Stage proceedings.

## **13 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Signification of His Majesty's consent**

The item started at 18.45

## **14 Debate: Stage 4 of the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 18.46

In accordance with Standing Order 26.50C, voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

The result was as follows:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
51	0	0	51

The motion was agreed.

## 15 Debate: Stage 4 of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

The item started at 19.02

In accordance with Standing Order 26.50C, voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM9221 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

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

Approves the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill.

[Prohibition of Greyhound Racing \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	2	10	51

The motion was agreed.

## 16 Voting Time

The item started at 19.38

### Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 19.41

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 18 March 2026