

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 5 March 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The Presiding Officer received notification, under Standing Order 12.58, that the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs will answer questions on behalf of the First Minister.

The first 7 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his law officer responsibilities)

The item started at 14.17

All 5 questions were asked.

### 3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.37

### 4 Statement by the Minister for Economy and Transport:

**Apprenticeships: Investing in Skills for the Future – postponed until 12th March**

This item was postponed until 12th March



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## **5 Statement by the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip: International Women's Day**

The item started at 15.19

## **6 Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management – postponed until 12th March**

This item was postponed until 12th March

## **7 Legislative Consent Motion on the Animal Welfare (Service Animals) Bill**

The item started at 16.05

**NDM6979** – [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Animal Welfare (Service Animals) Bill, relating to Animal Health and Welfare in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been [laid](#) in Table Office on 17 January 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

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

## **8 Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2018–19**

The item started at 16.16

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

**NDM6964** – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2018–19 laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday, 5 February 2019.

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 following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plan

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	21	1	50

The motion was agreed.

**Motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow the next item of business to be considered**

NNDM6984 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i), 12.22(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow a debate on NNDM6985 to be considered in Plenary on 5 March.

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

## **9 Debate on NNDM6985 – EU Withdrawal Negotiations**

The item started at 16.49

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

**NNDM6985 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Reiterates its opposition to the damaging EU exit deal agreed by the UK Government.
2. Agrees that a no-deal outcome to the current negotiations on EU withdrawal would be completely unacceptable on 29 March 2019 or at any time.
3. Calls on the UK Government to take immediate steps to prevent the UK leaving the EU without a deal, and further agrees that the Article 50 process should be extended so that agreement can be reached on the best way forward to protect the interests of Wales, Scotland and the United Kingdom as a whole.

**Co-Submitters:**

**[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recalls that, before the June 2016 referendum, the UK Government sent to all households in the United Kingdom a booklet stating, under the heading 'A Once in a Generation Decision', 'The Government believes it is in the best interests of the UK to remain in the EU', but also, 'This is your decision. The Government will implement what you decide'.
2. Believes that an orderly exit from the European Union on 29 March 2019 would be preferable, but resolves that if no deal can be reached between the United Kingdom and European Union, there should be no extension to the Article 50 process, as this would perpetuate uncertainty and betray the democratic will of the people of Wales and the United Kingdom, who voted decisively to leave the EU.
3. Calls on the UK Government and the Welsh Government to accept the likelihood that we will be leaving the EU on World Trade Organisation terms on 29 March 2019, and to now concentrate all efforts on preparing for this outcome.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	45	49

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Mon\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the best way forward is for a people's vote to be held, to enable a democratic choice between the Prime Minister's EU exit deal and remaining in the EU, and calls on the UK Government to set out its plans to hold such a vote immediately.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion:

NNDM6985 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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Co-Submitters:

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	13	50

The motion was agreed.

## 10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.08

The meeting concluded at 18.10

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 6 March 2019