

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

The item started at 13.30

Questions 2–9 were asked. Question 1 was withdrawn. Questions 2 and 8 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 3.

2 Questions to the Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.17

Questions 1–8 and 10–11 were asked. Question 9 was withdrawn. Questions 7, 10 and 11 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.12

The question was asked.

4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.15



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To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

David Rees (Aberavon) Following the comments made by the chairman of the Tata Sons group, what actions are the Welsh Government taking to ensure the future of Welsh steel making at Port Talbot

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): What action has the Welsh Government taken following the decision of Hywel Dda University Health Board to cancel inpatient operations on Monday 6 January 2020 at Bronglais, Glangwili, Prince Philip and Withybush hospitals?

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.02

Russell George made a statement on – Knife Angels' first visit to Wales.

6 Statement by the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform: An update on the work of the Committee

The item started at 16.04

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Community Regeneration

The item started at 16.52

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7221 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government's Communities First programme to tackle poverty in the most deprived communities of Wales.
2. Recognises the need to deliver, in practice, a co-productive approach to community regeneration, with community involvement in co-designing and co-delivery of local services.

3. Acknowledges the particular challenges faced by seaside and market towns with higher retail vacancy rates and higher levels of deprivation than in other parts of Wales.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish Seaside Town and Market Town funds to support regeneration in communities across Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	1	37	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the £800m investment in community and town centre regeneration between 2014 and 2022.
2. Notes the support the Welsh Government provides for local businesses in towns throughout Wales, including a comprehensive package of non-domestic rates relief, to address high street vacancies.
3. Recognises the important role of Business Improvement Districts in helping businesses and communities to work together to deliver grassroots solutions and support the regeneration of their local areas.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	22	49

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed amendment 2 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Notes the support the Welsh Government provides for local businesses in towns throughout Wales, including a comprehensive package of non-domestic rates relief, to address high street vacancies.
3. Recognises the important role of Business Improvement Districts in helping businesses and communities to work together to deliver grassroots solutions and support the regeneration of their local areas.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	22	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Low Income Families

The item started at 17.57

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7224 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a £35 a week payment for every child in low income families in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	41	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the UK Government's decade of austerity and programme of welfare reforms, which have led to an increase in child poverty in Wales.
2. Notes the £1bn of measures the Welsh Government has put in place to support low income families and to tackle poverty.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	23	49

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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1. Regrets the UK Government's decade of austerity and programme of welfare reforms, which have led to an increase in child poverty in Wales.
2. Notes the £1bn of measures the Welsh Government has put in place to support low income families and to tackle poverty.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	22	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.51

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.54

NDM7194 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

Trilingual Wales: The value to Wales of teaching modern foreign languages.

The meeting concluded at 19.20

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 January 2020