

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

The item started at 14.17

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Urgent Question 1

The item started at 15.02

Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children:



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[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Government make a statement on the effect of the UK Government's plans for a reduction in Post Office provision in rural areas?

Urgent Question 2

The item started at 15.07

To the Minister for Skills and Science:

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the announcement today on the public inquiry into the proposed M4 relief road?

Point of Order

The item started at 15.12

Huw Irranca-Davies sought clarification, as a new Member, about the rules governing urgent questions and what qualifies it as 'urgent'. The Deputy Presiding Officer replied that it is a matter for the Llywydd to take an objective view of what is of urgent public importance, and that the urgency of giving Members the opportunity to scrutinise could be heightened in the last sitting before recess such as today.

3 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.13

Vikki Howells made a statement on Guto Nyth Bran: Commemorating the man and celebrating the legend every 31 December.

Rhun ap Iorwerth made a statement on Friends Against Scams, who work to raise awareness of scams and what to do if people suspect they're being scammed.

Elin Jones made a statement on Christmas in Cardigan.

4 Statement by the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Committee's Inquiry into Human Rights

The item started at 15.18

5 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 15.47

NDM6190 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities to ensure that no households with children face eviction in Wales.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 16.27

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6188 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Wales' performance in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment, which were published on the 6th December 2016.

2. Regrets that scores in reading, maths and science were lower in 2015 than in 2006.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to develop a clear strategy with measurable targets and a clear timetable to ensure improvement in PISA 2018.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#):

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that this is a result of 16 years of inadequate Labour education policies.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	26	49

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the OECD's reflections following its return visit to review the Welsh education system that many things are in place now that are putting Wales on a more promising track.

Recognises that to drive up standards there must be an emphasis on leadership, teaching excellence, equity and wellbeing for learners.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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26	0	24	50
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Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Urges the Welsh Government to pursue reforms to the curriculum, initial teacher education and teachers' professional development.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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1. Notes Wales' performance in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment, which were published on the 6th December 2016.
2. Regrets that scores in reading, maths and science were lower in 2015 than in 2006.
3. Notes the OECD's reflections following its return visit to review the Welsh education system that many things are in place now that are putting Wales on a more promising track.
4. Recognises that to drive up standards there must be an emphasis on leadership, teaching excellence, equity and wellbeing for learners.
5. Urges the Welsh Government to pursue reforms to the curriculum, initial teacher education and teachers' professional development.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	6	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

Presiding Officer Statement

The Llywydd made a statement further to the earlier point of order informing Members that the Business Committee will be looking at our procedures for questions on both urgent and topical issues in the New Year.

Urgent Question 3

The item started at 17.33

Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure:

Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister provide further details of the multibillion pound infrastructure investment plan announced today?

7 Voting time

The item started at 17.44

8 Short Debate

The item started at 17.47

NDM6189 [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#)

Why we need an animal abuse register for Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.06

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 January 2017