

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 23 January 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 3 and 5 – 8 were asked. Question 4 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 14.17

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

### 3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted

### 4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.07

David Rowlands made a statement commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Rorke's Drift.

Dawn Bowden made a statement on Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 (27 January 2019).



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## 5 Motion under Standing Order 26.91 seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Bill on Older Peoples Rights

The item started at 15.11

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

NDM6940 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.91:

Agrees that Darren Millar AM may introduce a Bill to give effect to the information included in the Explanatory Memorandum [published](#) on 14 December 2018 under Standing Order 26.91A

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	2	27	50

The motion was not agreed.

## 6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Allied Steel and Wire Pensions

The item started at 15.59

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

NDM6919 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that former Allied Steel and Wire workers have still not received the full value of their pensions, despite a compensation deal reached in 2007 with the former UK Government and almost 14 years after a change in UK law.
2. Notes that under a compensation deal reached in 2007 with the former UK Government, workers were promised the same treatment as workers and pension scheme holders under the pension protection fund and financial assistance scheme.

3. Notes that under law changes since 2004, workers under the pension protection fund and financial assistance scheme are entitled to be paid up to 90 percent of their pension contribution value. However, contributions paid in prior to 1997 are not inflation proofed.

4. Regrets the financial hardship this has caused to former ASW workers in Wales.

5. Calls on the UK Government to honour the spirit of the commitments the previous UK Government made to ASW workers in Wales.

**Supported by:**

[Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#)

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

The motion was agreed.

## 7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Welsh Rate of Income Tax

The item started at 16.35

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6921** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the vital importance of attracting people, businesses and investment to Wales as a means of growing tax revenue in Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to commit to not raise the Welsh Rate of Income Tax for the remainder of the Fifth Assembly.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	0	8	50

The motion without amendment was agreed.

## 8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.29

## 9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.31

NDM6941 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Making the most of rainy days.

How we could make greater use of rain in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 17.51

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 January 2019**