

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 22 April 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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The item started and 13.30

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the virtual Plenary and set out that this Plenary meeting, being held by video conference in accordance with the Standing Orders of the National Assembly for Wales, constitutes proceedings of the Assembly for the purposes of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

The Llywydd stated that, having consulted with the Business Committee, some of the provisions of Standing Order 34 will apply – all of which were noted on the agenda.

The Llywydd stated that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health, though the meeting would be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

The Llywydd also reminded Members that Standing Orders relating to Order and the organisation of business in Plenary meetings would apply to this meeting.

### 1 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 13.32

### 2 Statement by the First Minister: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The item started at 13.34



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### **3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The item started at 14.37

### **4 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The Presiding Officer suspended proceedings at 15.51 for 1 minute due to a microphone failure before reconvening.

The item started at 15.52

## **Points of Order**

### **Point of Order 1**

Neil McEvoy raised a point of order regarding the possibility of returning to a usual agenda of business on the grounds that Plenary meetings are running as virtual sessions and no longer pose a threat to public health. The Deputy Presiding Officer stated that it has been Business Committee's unanimous view that Plenary business should focus on hearing statements related to the public health emergency that we face, and for Members to question Ministers on those statements. However, the Deputy Presiding Officer stated that the Business Committee continue to review such decisions on a weekly basis.

### **Point of Order 2**

Sian Gwenllïan raised a point of order about the Health and Social Services Minister's off-camera comments towards a fellow Member who had asked questions of him during his statement. The Deputy Presiding Officer stated that she would review the record and return to the matter.

### **5 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 – postponed until 29 April 2020**

The meeting concluded at 17.13

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 29 April 2020**