

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport:

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's progress in bringing forward a long-term solution to the high cost of medical insurance facing Welsh GPs?



To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport (to be answered by the Minister for Social Services and Public Health):

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales's recent report on safeguarding children in Powys?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motions to elect Members to committees

(5 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes:

NDM6541 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Neil McEvoy (Independent) as a Member of the Petitions Committee.

NDM6542 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Petitions Committee.

NDM6543 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Adam Price (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee.

Supporting document:

[A report on the Business Committee's consideration of the impact of a Member leaving a political group on committee membership and the allocation of chairs – 17 October 2017](#)

Motions to elect Members to committees

(5 mins)

Proposal under Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40 to debate the following items together:

NDM6544 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in place of Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6545 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in place of Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru).

5 Motion to amend Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B in relation to Super-majorities for Assembly Bills

(5 mins)

NDM6535 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B – Super-majorities for Assembly Bills' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 October 2017; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 26, 26A and 26B, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

6 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

NDM6527

[Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

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

[Dafydd Elis-Thomas \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Eluned Morgan \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the speed of the revolution in transport technology challenges current planning assumptions and requires a major re-think in public policy and design.
2. Believes that transport manufacturers and their supply chains will need to adapt or die as the combustion engine is phased out within the next 20 years because of:
 - a) driverless vehicles, which will disrupt assumptions about private ownership of cars, urban town planning, managing road congestion and the role of buses to connect communities; and
 - b) electric vehicles, which require a more dispersed electricity generation and supply including charging points covering the whole of Wales;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline the steps that it is taking to align policies with the pace of change and ensure all citizens will benefit, in line with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

['Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015'](#)

Supported by:

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

7 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

NDM6534 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) extend eligibility for free bus travel entitlements to all 16 to 24 year olds in Wales; and
- b) extend eligibility for railcard privileges to all 16 to 24 year olds in Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the economic, educational and social importance of supporting young people with the costs of public transport.
2. Notes the consultation launched by the Welsh Government to develop a new and ambitious Youth Travel Pass scheme from 2018 that can encourage more young people to travel by bus.
3. Recognises the need for any proposals to be fully costed.
4. Notes the importance of engaging widely with young people, local authorities, education providers and bus operators to ensure any extension of provision is targeted towards those that need the greatest support.
5. Notes the Welsh Government's intention through Transport for Wales to encourage more young people onto a sustainable, integrated and multi-modal transport network.

['Consultation: Discounted Bus Travel for Younger People in Wales'](#)

8 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6536 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the need to strengthen the performance of the north Wales economy.
2. Regrets the historic underfunding of north Wales by the Labour Welsh Government.
3. Welcomes Plaid Cymru's success in securing significant investment for the north as part of the budget agreement with the Welsh Government for 2018/19 and 2019/20, including:
 - a) better north–south road links;
 - b) funding to support the design and development of a third Menai bridge crossing;
 - c) funding to take forward the result of the feasibility study into the creation of a national football museum in north Wales;
 - d) the establishment of a young farmers grant scheme that will benefit the agricultural industry in the north;
 - e) the creation of a development fund for undergraduate medical training in the north;
 - f) a 100% rate relief for community hydro schemes, of which there are several in the north;
 - g) additional funding for Visit Wales which will boost the tourism industry in the north;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward, as part of its long–overdue economic strategy, genuine efforts to address the regional imbalances in the Welsh economy.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the vital strategic importance of the North Wales economy to Wales and the UK.
2. Notes the cross-border leadership role played by the Welsh Government in developing proposals with partners for a North Wales Growth Deal.
3. Welcomes the ambitious programme of investment being led by the Welsh Government in the region, including:
 - a) £250m of investment in the A55/A494 corridor;
 - b) £20m to establish an Advanced Manufacturing and Research Institute;
 - c) £50m to take forward the North East Wales Metro; and
 - d) plans for a third Menai crossing.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's funding support for the steel industry which is helping provide a sustainable future for the plant, community and workers in Shotton.
5. Notes the Welsh Government's support for the £14 billion Wylfa Newydd project and work to ensure the UK Government leaves a sustainable legacy of good quality jobs, infrastructure and housing for Ynys Mon and North West Wales.
6. Welcomes the recent budget agreement with Plaid Cymru.
7. Notes the Welsh Government's intention to bring forward an Economic Action Plan that can support jobs and growth in the region.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete point 3.

Amendment 3. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Notes that the North Wales Economic Ambition Board's 'A Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales' document concludes that "North Wales is well placed to receive a range of new responsibilities" and endorses its call for the devolution of powers by the Welsh Government over employment, taxes, skills and transport.

['North Wales Economic Ambition Board – A Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales'](#)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6533 [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#)

Safeguarding and patient rights in the Welsh NHS – supporting the victim

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11 October 2017 for answer on 18 October 2017

R - Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W - Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self-identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

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To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

1. [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for the farming industry in Wales? (OAQ51203)
2. [Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#): What role does the Cabinet Secretary envisage for local authorities in generating and distributing energy in Wales? (OAQ51212)
3. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide further detail on how stakeholders beyond management authorities can contribute to the development of the marine protected area management priority action plan? (OAQ51185)
4. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the benefits that access to waterways brings to Wales? (OAQ51188)
5. [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the review of designated landscapes in Wales? (OAQ51197)
6. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the problem of non-native invasive species in Wales? (OAQ51178)
7. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what support is available to protect the most vulnerable households in Wales from fuel poverty this winter? (OAQ51209)
8. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Welsh Government's priorities for the agricultural industry in west Wales? (OAQ51180)
9. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to encourage young people into the farming industry? (OAQ51191)W
10. [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what planning measures are in place to protect flood-risk areas in Wales? (OAQ51198)

11. [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): What work is the Welsh Government undertaking to tackle fuel poverty in Wales? (OAQ51193)
12. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary challenge DEFRA to change its stance on the post-movement testing rules surrounding the movement of cattle from the low TB area of Wales into the low-risk area of England? (OAQ51184)
13. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): What further steps will the Cabinet Secretary take to improve air quality in Wales? (OAQ51214)
14. [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the planning system can be used to build new homes? (OAQ51211)
15. [David J Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the funding barriers preventing renewable energy from reaching its potential in Wales? (OAQ51194)

To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children](#)

1. [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the support that is in place for Communities First employees? (OAQ51205)
2. [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms on south-east Wales? (OAQ51201)
3. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the progress being made in meeting the Welsh housing quality standard? (OAQ51196)
4. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): What role does the Welsh Government play in the rehabilitation of offenders in Wales? (OAQ51179)
5. [David Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Welsh Government's priorities for ex-service people in Wales, following his discussions with the armed services expert group? (OAQ51192)
6. [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#): What will be the next stage in removing the defence of reasonable punishment in Wales? (OAQ51199) **WITHDRAWN**
7. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what support is available from the Welsh Government to enable parents to develop positive parenting techniques? (OAQ51208)

8. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of notices served under section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 in Wales? (OAQ51195)
9. [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to tackle child poverty? (OAQ51207)W
10. [Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the rollout of universal credit in Wales? (OAQ51186)
11. [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the scale and scope of modern-day slavery in Wales? (OAQ51200)
12. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the national housing pathway for ex-service personnel? (OAQ51183)
13. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the benefits of the Flying Start programme? (OAQ51182)
14. [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the rights of children to have access to both of their parents? (OAQ51215)
15. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the performance of Rent Smart Wales? (OAQ51190)