

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 October 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

(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 Assembly Commission

(15 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children:

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme, following its launch on 20 October 2017?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Education (to be answered by the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language):



[Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary respond to data which shows that Welsh students accounted for just 2 per cent of last year's Oxbridge intake?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal

(30 mins)

NDM6350 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to alter the planning process so there would be a presumption against hydraulic fracturing (fracking).
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to protect the landscape of Wales and public health.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), the amendment tabled to this motion has not been selected.

6 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's report: Communities First – Lessons learnt

(60 mins)

NDM6547 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the inquiry into poverty in Wales, 'Communities First – Lessons Learnt', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 October 2017.

Note: The response of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 October 2017.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

NDM6546 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Does not believe that a tourism tax should be implemented in Wales.

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. Notes that:

- a) the Wales Act 2014 includes powers for Wales to propose new taxes in areas of devolved responsibility;
- b) the Welsh Government's intention to test the Wales Act machinery for proposing and introducing new taxes in areas of devolved responsibility;
- c) following feedback from the public a potential tourism tax has been identified as a proposal for consideration; and
- d) no decision has been made to introduce a new tax in Wales.

['Wales Act 2014'](#)

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

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that a disposable plastics tax should be implemented in Wales.

8 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6549 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Expresses concern about the roll out of universal credit.
2. Believes that administrative control over welfare should be devolved so that the Welsh Government can alter the frequency of payments, end the culture of sanctions, and ensure payments to individuals not households.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges concern about the roll-out of universal credit.
2. Welcomes the principles behind universal credit, which are to give people a helping hand into work, and notes that when the Centre for Social Justice envisaged universal credit it found that most people claiming benefits wanted to work but were held back by a system that did not incentivise employment.

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

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

Delete point 2 and insert new points:

Notes the devastating impact on vulnerable families of anxiety, debt, homelessness and mental ill-health caused by the roll-out of universal credit which is putting significant pressure on devolved public services.

Believes that it is an important founding principle of the welfare state that risks should be shared equitably across society and that control over welfare costs, payments and administration should therefore be undertaken at a UK level.

Calls on the UK Government to reverse its damaging cuts to welfare, to pause the universal credit roll-out and address the fundamental concerns being raised.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6548 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

Delivering primary care in Llanidloes: An innovative approach to alleviate pressure on GPs

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 18 October 2017 for answer on 25 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 Finance and Local Government](#)

1. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): How will the Cabinet Secretary assess the progress being made in relation to delivering the Swansea Bay city deal? (OAQ51240)
2. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how various elements of the draft budget help the most vulnerable groups of people in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney? (OAQ51237)
3. [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): Will the Welsh Government scrap the public sector pay cap? (OAQ51243)
4. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): What financial provision has the Cabinet Secretary made for local authorities to meet their prevention duties? (OAQ51227)
5. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the principles that steer the Welsh Government's consideration of new taxes? (OAQ51244)
6. [Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): What studies has the Welsh Government undertaken on the potential impact of any taxes it is considering introducing during the fifth Assembly? (OAQ51236)
7. [Mohammad Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the effect of the Welsh Government's draft budget on funding for the environment and rural affairs portfolio? (OAQ51225)
8. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline how spending allocations are prioritised in the draft budget? (OAQ51231)
9. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on budget allocations to the economy and infrastructure portfolio in relation to the Welsh railway network? (OAQ51239)

10. [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on what impact property transaction tax changes will have on the supply of commercial property? (OAQ51241)
11. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the council tax reduction scheme in Wales? (OAQ51232)
12. [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of national indicators in delivering performance improvement for local government? (OAQ51235)
13. [Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#): What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to ensure that financial aid from the European Union is maximised? (OAQ51230)
14. [Mohammad Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the effect of the Welsh Government's draft budget on council tax rates in Wales? (OAQ51224)
15. [Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Caerphilly County Borough Council about improving the delivery of services in the area? (OAQ51242)

To ask the [Assembly Commission](#)

1. [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Commission outline the rules relating to private vendors, such as the Big Issue, on or outside the Assembly estate? (OAQ51228)
2. [Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#): What efforts is the Commission undertaking to promote political education? (OAQ51233)
3. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Commissioner make a statement on how security costs are allocated in the Assembly? (OAQ51247)