

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 November 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Given the announced 23 per cent overspend on the project to dual the A465 between Abergavenny and Hirwaun, will the Cabinet Secretary confirm where the additional resource to fund this will come from?



[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the impact of the recent floods on Anglesey's road network?

**To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services**

[Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to commissioning an independent inquiry into allegations of abuse on Caldey Island?

**To ask the First Minister**

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the implications for Wales of the UK Government's Brexit Impact Assessments following their release on Tuesday?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.2 to give instructions to the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister**

(60 mins)

#### **NDM6573 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2, instructs the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in these terms:

1. That a special meeting of the Committee should take place at the earliest opportunity to establish an inquiry into the allegations made by former members and advisers to the Welsh Government in relation to bullying, intimidation and the undermining of Ministers.
2. That the Committee should establish the following as part of its inquiry:
  - a) when allegations were made to the First Minister and/or his office;
  - b) how allegations were investigated;
  - c) what actions were taken as a result of any investigation;

d) the role of the First Minister and his office in dealing with these issues; and  
e) the validity of the answers given by the First Minister to the National Assembly for Wales in relation to such allegations.

3. That the Committee should take evidence from witnesses as part of its work.

4. That the Committee should prepare a report of its findings to the Assembly by February half-term 2018.

**Supporters:**

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

**Amendment 1. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2, instructs the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister to note:

1. The Welsh Government's commitment to appoint a panel of independent advisers to provide a source of external independent advice on Ministerial conduct as required under the Ministerial Code as set out in a written statement issued on 23 November 2017;

2. That James Hamilton, a current independent adviser to the Scottish Government, has been appointed as an independent adviser to the Welsh Government; and

3. That the First Minister has referred himself to James Hamilton in relation to allegations, made in the last two weeks, that he breached the Ministerial Code; and

4. The final report of the independent adviser when published.

[Written Statement](#)

[Ministerial Code – November 2017](#)

## 6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

NDM6521

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

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

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

[Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that cavity-wall insulation when correctly installed in suitable properties can be a cost-effective way of reducing fuel bills, thereby contributing to reductions in fuel poverty and carbon emissions.
2. Believes that there remains, however, a significant minority of installations in unsuitable properties that are not complying with standards of good workmanship, and for which seeking redress is often difficult and compensation often inadequate or not possible to obtain.
3. Urges the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency (CIGA) and others to provide proper redress and compensation for incorrect installation, and to strengthen consumer protection going forward.

**Supported by:**

[Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

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

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

## 7 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

### NDM6594 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the crucial role Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board frontline staff play in delivering services and supporting patients across north Wales.
2. Notes the Welsh Government's decision to place Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in special measures in June 2015.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government has failed to address increasing waiting times in north Wales and the health board's deteriorating financial position.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) clarify what steps it is taking to ensure that the financial uncertainty at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board does not undermine the delivery of services;
  - b) publish a clear action plan for returning the health board to its normal status; and
  - c) explain the measures the health board will undertake to improve patient outcomes.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's continued challenge to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to address its unacceptable waiting times and financial situation.

Notes the significant support provided by the Welsh Government to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to work to stabilise and recover its position.

Notes that following a review of progress with HIW and the WAO in early December the Welsh Government will consider further measures Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board must undertake to improve.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that resolving the issues faced by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will require a substantial expansion in the workforce, which will require an expansion of medical and nursing training.

## **8 Plaid Cymru debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM6595 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the recent UK Government budget announcement:

a) did not contain specific new announcements for Wales; and

b) included downward revisions for economic growth, productivity and business investment.

2. Believes that the anticipated changes to the Welsh block grant reflect a continuation of failed austerity measures instead of new resources.

3. Regrets that the UK Government budget announcement did not commit any support to the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to lift the public sector pay cap.

5. Urges the Welsh Government to secure greater decision-making powers over infrastructure investment and the Welsh economy.

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. Notes the £1.2 billion increase in the Welsh budget over four years as a result of Barnett consequentials resulting from the UK budget.

2. Notes the £67 million increase in the Welsh budget as a result of the fiscal framework negotiated between the Welsh and UK Governments.

3. Notes the commitment in the UK budget to commence formal negotiations for a north Wales growth deal.

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

**Amendment 2. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

Delete all after point 3 and add new points:

Calls on the UK Government to lift its self-imposed public sector pay cap and fully fund a pay rise for all public sector workers.

Calls on the UK Government to devolve greater decision-making powers over infrastructure investment to Wales to support the Welsh economy.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM6593 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)**

Wales's invisible problem – the social impact of gambling

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 December 2017

## Agenda Item 1

# Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 22/11/2017 for answer on 29/11/2017

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

## Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

1 OAQ51371 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to promote Anglesey's food and drink industry?

**Gareth Bennett** *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ51376

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Natural Resources Wales about the tree felling programme at Fforest Fawr in Tongwynlais?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

3 OAQ51348

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on air pollution levels in South Wales West?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

4 OAQ51359

What action is being taken by the Welsh Government to protect peatlands?

**Neil Hamilton** *Mid and West Wales*

5 OAQ51366

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's bovine TB eradication programme in Mid and West Wales?

**Steffan Lewis** *South Wales East*

6 OAQ51352

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on progress regarding technical advice note 1?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

7 OAQ51343

What guidance does the Welsh Government issue regarding planning applications for housing developments?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

8 OAQ51360

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the difference between world food prices and EU food prices?



**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

9 OAQ51353 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on progress in relation to technical advice note 20?

**Lynne Neagle** *Torfaen*

10 OAQ51372

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote access to green spaces and parks in Torfaen?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

11 OAQ51346

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what the Welsh Government is doing to support the fishing industry in west Wales?

**Simon Thomas** *Mid and West Wales*

12 OAQ51369 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What steps can the Welsh Government take to reduce the use of plastic?

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

13 OAQ51341

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the status of draft local development plans in current planning applications?

**Lee Waters** *Llanelli*

14 OAQ51364

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the development of a precision agriculture strategy for Wales?

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

15 OAQ51363

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on work to address the suffering caused to animals by the use of snares?

## Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

- 1 OAQ51381  
Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the work of the taskforce for the valleys in Rhondda?

**Neil McEvoy** *South Wales Central*

- 2 OAQ51357 **Member declared an interest**  
Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on electoral reform in local government in Wales?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

- 3 OAQ51380  
Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans for a national academy of government?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

- 4 OAQ51349  
Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the delivery of Our Valleys, Our Future within South Wales West?

**Lee Waters** *Llanelli*

- 5 OAQ51365  
What assessment has been made of the impact of automation on the delivery of public services?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

- 6 OAQ51358  
What are the Welsh Government's priorities for supporting members of the armed forces community and their families in Wales?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

- 7 OAQ51351  
Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government support for the armed forces and veterans in Wales?

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

- 8 OAQ51345  
Will the Cabinet Secretary explain how the provisional local government settlement for 2018/19 will protect local services?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

9 OAQ51375

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what advice his department has provided to Welsh local authorities in relation to refuse collections?

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

10 OAQ51377

What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to make councillors more representative of their local populations?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

11 OAQ51370 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with organisations in Anglesey prior to the introduction of universal credit in March 2018?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

12 OAQ51361

What analysis has the Cabinet Secretary undertaken of the impact on public services if the Ministry of Justice goes ahead with its proposal for a prison in Baglan?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

13 OAQ51344

How does the Welsh Government determine the allocation of funding to local authorities in Wales?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

14 OAQ51379

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to including a new strategic hub covering the western valleys of the Amman and Gwendraeth as part of the ministerial taskforce for the valleys?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

15 OAQ51367

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to help private renters in Wales?