

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 July 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

15(v4)

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd chamber and others joining by video-conference.

The Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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3 Statement by the First Minister: The Coronavirus Control Plan

(45 mins)

4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)



No Topical Questions were received

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Motion to establish a committee under Standing Order 16.1: The Llywydd's Committee

(5 mins)

NDM7765 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, establishes the Llywydd's Committee to carry out the functions set out in Standing Order 18B.2.

7 Motion to elect members to a committee: The Llywydd's Committee

(5 mins)

NDM7769 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3 and 18.B4:

Elects the following as members of the Llywydd's Committee:

- a) The Deputy Presiding Officer as Chair of the Committee;
- b) Peredur Owen Griffiths, (chair of the responsible committee under Standing Order 19); and
- c) Joyce Watson (Welsh Labour), Janet Finch-Saunders (Welsh Conservatives) and Rhys ab Owen (Plaid Cymru).

8 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A children's residential care Bill

(30 mins)

NDM7723 [Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on the regulation, monitoring and commissioning of children's residential care, including those who require inpatient mental health care, and services to people with learning disabilities or other neurodiversity in Wales.

2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

a) improve the commissioning and delivery of children's residential care placements in Wales, including co-ordination and delivery across local authorities to improve the sufficiency of suitable placements;

b) improve the regulation and monitoring of residential care and fostering placements, including alignment with other services such as education, housing and homelessness, and health;

c) remove the provision for profit-making providers from the residential care sector for children looked after, as well as services for people with learning disabilities and neurodiversity.

9 Welsh Conservatives debate – An independent public inquiry into the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic

(60 mins)

NDM7768 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls for an independent public inquiry into the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wales.

Co-submitter:

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

10 Plaid Cymru debate – Free school meals

(60 mins)

NDM7767 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the recent publication of several reports by the Bevan Foundation and the Wales Anti-Poverty Coalition on expanding the provision of free school meals and on the extent of poverty in Wales.

2. Notes the recent publication of a letter by the Wales Anti-Poverty Coalition signed by ten anti-poverty organisations calling on the new Welsh Government to make expanding free school meals a priority.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) amend the eligibility criteria for free school meals so that all school pupils in families receiving universal credit or equivalent benefit are eligible;

b) permanently extend free school meal entitlements to pupils in families with no recourse to public funds;

c) publish a timeline for the phased implementation of universal free school meals to guarantee all school pupils a nutritious, locally sourced school lunch.

[Bevan Foundation: Expanding the provision of free school meals in Wales](#)

[Bevan Foundation: Expanding the eligibility criteria for free school meals](#)

[Bevan Foundation: Snapshot of poverty in spring 2021](#)

A copy of the letter mentioned in point 2 of the motion has been circulated to Members of the Senedd.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government:

a) has commenced a review of the eligibility criteria for free school meals as committed to in the Programme for Government, with the intent of extending

entitlement, provisional Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) data shows there are 108,203 pupils eligible for free school meals, an increase of almost 18,000 since PLASC 2020;

b) has provided an additional £60m since the start of the pandemic to provide additional Free School Meals in the 2020–21 financial year and has been recognised by the Education Policy Institute (EPI) for its support to families eligible for free school meals during the pandemic;

c) will provide an additional £23.3m to extend free school meals in school holidays for the 2021–22 financial year, providing the most generous provision in the UK; and

d) working with partners, delivers the only universal primary school free breakfast scheme in the UK.

[Programme for Government](#)

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

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

In point 3, delete sub-point (c).

11 Voting Time

12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7766 [Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

Support for women who suffer postpartum post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 September 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 07/07/2021 for answer on 14/07/2021

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

1 OQ56764 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on investment in flood defences in Clwyd West?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

2 OQ56760 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's proposals for the use of innovative technology to improve air quality in Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

3 OQ56782 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on fire safety in high-rise flats in Cardiff?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

4 OQ56769 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to address the concerns raised with the Minister by leaders of the WLGA in relation to Natural Resources Wales?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

5 OQ56771 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the cuts that the UK Government has made to the discretionary housing payment budget?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

6 OQ56774 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the contribution that a Swansea Bay tidal lagoon would make towards meeting the Welsh Government's environmental targets?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

7 OQ56779 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's housing priorities for North Wales?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

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OQ56763 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the Welsh Government's carbon output?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

9

OQ56787 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the effectiveness of the Welsh Government's help-to-buy scheme?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

10

OQ56789 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on fines for local authorities that fail to meet recycling targets?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

11

OQ56793 (e)

What steps will the Welsh Government take to address air pollution in South Wales East?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

12

OQ56778 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the assessment criteria for selecting sites for large-scale energy generation projects?

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

1

OQ56784 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh language communities housing scheme?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

2

OQ56780 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in North Wales?

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Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

3 OQ56786 (e)

What provisions are available for children and young people in Cardiff Central from the Welsh Government's renew and reform plan over the summer holidays?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4 OQ56772 (e)

What steps will the Minister take to minimise lost school time during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

5 OQ56767 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's plans for incentivising colleges to retain agricultural and environmental courses?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

6 OQ56758 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on educational attainment in Wales?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

7 OQ56790 (e)

What steps will the Welsh Government take to increase the emphasis on sport and physical education in the curriculum?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

8 OQ56783 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the role of regional education consortia?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

9 OQ56768 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the school COVID-19 bubble system?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

10 OQ56765 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on progress towards achieving a million Welsh speakers by 2050?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

11

OQ56791 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress in relation to rolling out the new curriculum for Wales in Islwyn?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

12

OQ56761 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Bridgend College regarding its vision for post-16 education?