

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 December 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held via videoconference.

The Llywydd gives notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public are excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

(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 Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Petitions signature threshold

(5 mins)

NDM7868 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Petitions signature threshold' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 December 2021; and
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Order 23, as set out in Annex A of the Business Committee's report.

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – The legislative consent process

(60 mins)

NDM7843

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

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

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the increase in the number of legislative consent motions being presented to the Senedd.
2. Recognises that this is both a consequence of Welsh Ministers seeking to use UK Parliament legislation to enact Welsh Government legislation and the UK Government seeking to override our democracy, erode the devolution settlement and diminish the powers of the Senedd.
3. Believes that all substantial and significant primary legislation should be enacted by the Senedd rather than through the LCM process.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) work with the Senedd's Business Committee to review the LCM process to ensure it is fit for purpose;
- b) clarify the principles of when LCMs are used;
- c) work with the Llywydd to seek an urgent review of the impact on the devolution settlement and the powers of the Senedd as a consequence of UK legislation.

Supporters:

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

7 Debate on the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee Report on the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government

(30 mins)

NDM7870 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 November 2021.

8 Welsh Conservatives debate – An independent public inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM7871 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the COVID-19 Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru campaign for a Wales-specific public inquiry into the Welsh Government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Welcomes the calls of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales for a Wales-specific COVID-19 inquiry.
3. Notes that a judge-led COVID-19 inquiry will be established by the end of the year in Scotland.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to commission an independent public inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic in Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd

1. Notes:

- a) the First Minister's meetings with members of the COVID-19 Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru group;
- b) the UK-wide inquiry into pandemic, which will look at decisions made and actions taken by and in all four nations;
- c) that a judge-led COVID-19 inquiry will be established by the end of the year in Scotland.

2. Welcomes assurances made by the Prime Minister that the UK inquiry will include a proper Welsh dimension.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7869 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

Developing the economy of the Swansea Bay city region

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 January 2022