

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(0 mins)

No questions tabled.



#### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

#### 5 Welsh Conservatives debate

(30 mins)

##### NDM6195 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport's statement in November 2016 on winter preparedness.

2. Further notes the Royal College of Physicians' response to the inquiry into winter preparedness 2016/17, which stated that: "The challenges facing health boards as they prepare for winter are complex. They reflect wider pressures on the NHS and social care", and that; "Health boards are operating in an under-funded, under-doctored and overstretched context".

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide a status report on how its 2016/17 planning, alongside those of Welsh Health Boards, is performing against the current situation across the Welsh NHS.

[‘Statement: Winter Preparedness’](#)

[‘Inquiry into winter preparedness 2016/17: RCP Wales response’](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete all after "pressures on the NHS and social care" in point 2 and replace with:

3. Recognises that the Welsh Government is investing record levels in the NHS to meet growing demand, particularly during winter months.

4. Puts on record its support to the NHS and social care staff who have worked incredibly hard over the winter period to ensure the best treatment and care for patients.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide a status report on how Local Health Boards' and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust's 2016/17 planning is performing against the current situation across the Welsh NHS.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]*

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

After point 2, add as new point and renumber accordingly:

"Notes that social care services are also operating in an under-funded and overstretched context, and these services also provide an important part of winter preparedness.

**Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

In point 3, after "Welsh Health Boards" insert "and social care services".

## **6 Welsh Conservatives debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM6196 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, in light of National Obesity Awareness Week, obesity levels in Wales are increasing.
2. Expresses concern that as many as 59 per cent of adults were classified as overweight or obese, as stated in the recent Welsh Health Survey, and 27.3 per cent of children in Wales are obese or overweight, as recorded in the Child Measurement Programme for Wales: Current Annual Report.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to address the lack of coherence between its public health initiatives, and cuts to local government funding, which prevent the effective uptake of these programmes.

[‘Welsh Health Survey’](#)

[‘The Child Measurement Programme for Wales: Current Annual Report’](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes:

a) in light of National Obesity Awareness Week, that there has been little change in the number of adults who are overweight or obese in Wales since 2012 – but we want to see these numbers fall;

b) that the latest Welsh Health Survey shows that 59 per cent of adults are classified as overweight or obese and the Child Measurement Programme for Wales: Current Annual Report records 26.2 per cent of children as overweight or obese; and

c) that the Welsh Government continues to invest across all portfolio areas including through NHS Wales, education, sport and local government – to support people in Wales to lead healthy lifestyles.

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

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

After point 2, add as new point and renumber accordingly:

Notes that taxation of unhealthy products and rules over the advertising of such products, are non-devolved matters, and regrets that successive UK governments have failed to utilise these powers to tackle obesity.

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM6198** [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the important contribution of the Welsh higher education sector in providing important opportunities to the people of Wales, and delivering significant economic benefits to communities across the nation.
2. Believes that a successful and vibrant higher education sector is essential for a prosperous Wales.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government should do all that is necessary to safeguard the future sustainability of the Welsh higher education sector.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to:
  - a) protect or replace existing EU funding and programmes for research and higher education;
  - b) secure the continued participation of Welsh universities in the Erasmus Plus scheme of staff and student exchange, and to support further international collaborations and movement of students, researchers, and staff;
  - c) secure the visa and citizenship status of EU nationals working in Welsh universities;
  - d) enable Welsh universities to participate in a post-study work visa scheme; and
  - e) remove international students from UK net migration targets.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

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

In point 4, delete sub-points a), b), c) and d) and replace with:

- 'a) maximise international sources of research funding for Welsh universities;
- b) support collaborations which provide opportunities for Welsh university students, researchers and staff to engage in international exchange programmes;
- c) explore the development of reciprocal arrangements with the EU to address concerns regarding the status of EU nationals working in Welsh universities;

d) continue to provide opportunities for international graduates to be provided with visas post their studies which enable them to work and establish businesses in the UK;'

## 8 United Kingdom Independence Party debate

(60 mins)

### NDM6197 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the First Minister's fact-finding trip to Norway to see for himself the regulatory burdens and costs imposed on Norway by full membership of the EU's Single Market.
2. Notes that these burdens and costs fall on all Norway's businesses, whether they export to the EU or not.
3. Believes that:
  - a) it is in Wales's best interests for laws and regulations to be made by Britain's democratically-elected representatives in Westminster and Cardiff, not remote and unaccountable officials in Brussels; and
  - b) Single Market membership would preclude effective control of immigration of EU citizens into the UK, thus undermining the referendum result and frustrating the wishes of a majority of Wales's voters.
4. Notes that the EU currently exports £8 billion more in goods to the UK every month than the UK exports to the EU.
5. Supports the UK Government's general negotiating position of seeking the maximum degree of free trade with the EU consistent with firm immigration control.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes the Prime Minister's intention to build a powerful new relationship with the European Union that works for the United Kingdom and Wales.
2. Recognises the importance of trade with Europe and the rest of the world, which is vital to the future of the Welsh economy.
3. Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to secure a strong trading relationship which provides British companies with the freedom to trade and operate in the Single Market and that reciprocal arrangements should be extended to EU businesses trading and operating in the UK.

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

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes the First Minister's visit to Norway.
2. Notes that Norway is a member of the EEA and EFTA.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to support full and unfettered access to the European Single Market, through membership of the EEA and/or EFTA.

## **9 Voting time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM6199 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

Hidden in plain sight: loneliness in Welsh communities, and how to tackle it

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 January 2017

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 4 January 2017 for answer on 11 January 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. [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on planned capital expenditure within this Assembly term?  
OAQ(5)0077(FLG)
2. [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): Is it Welsh Government policy to support a local authority-led pilot of a universal basic income? OAQ(5)0072(FLG)
3. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the work of developing a Welsh treasury?  
OAQ(5)0078(FLG)W
4. [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the budget allocation to the environment portfolio? OAQ(5)0075(FLG)
5. [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#): What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to promote best practice in local government?  
OAQ(5)0070(FLG)
6. [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the delivery of public services by local authorities? OAQ(5)0073(FLG)
7. [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what the Welsh Government expects to contribute towards City Deals?  
OAQ(5)0067(FLG)
8. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had regarding the budget allocation to the education portfolio? OAQ(5)0082(FLG)
9. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Welsh Government is using its taxation powers to support small businesses in Wales?  
OAQ(5)0081(FLG)

10. [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on his expectations regarding collaboration to provide connected public services within the Swansea Bay City Region?  
OAQ(5)0080(FLG)

11. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with local authorities regarding child burial costs?  
OAQ(5)0068(FLG)

12. [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the importance of public access to local authority full council and cabinet meetings? OAQ(5)0071(FLG)

13. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Invest to Save? OAQ(5)0066(FLG)

14. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary give an update on the regional organisation and delivery of local government services? OAQ(5)076(FLG)

15. [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on additional funding allocated to the education portfolio to support lunch and fun clubs during the school summer holidays?  
OAQ(5)0069(FLG)

### To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Education](#)

1. [Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to enable pupils to have a fuller understanding of the opportunities open to them in the world of work? OAQ(5)0072(EDU)

2. [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government plans to support lunch and fun clubs in primary schools during the school summer holidays?  
OAQ(5)0063(EDU)

3. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the education consortium covering the Swansea area?  
OAQ(5)0061(EDU)

4. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on post-16 education provision in Torfaen?  
OAQ(5)0073(EDU)

5. [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to support school children during the summer holidays?  
OAQ(5)0077(EDU)

- 6. [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on pupil engagement with the education system?  
OAQ(5)0069(EDU)
- 7. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme? OAQ(5)0070(EDU)
- 8. [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#):** When will the Cabinet Secretary publish plans, in accordance with the Diamond Review recommendation, to incentivise graduates to work or return to work in Wales? OAQ(5)0068(EDU)
- 9. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#):** What progress is being made regarding the introduction of a new computer science curriculum? OAQ(5)0065(EDU)
- 10. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on plans to improve educational attainment in Wales?  
OAQ(5)0064(EDU)
- 11. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on her priorities for education spending in 2017?  
OAQ(5)0071(EDU)
- 12. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#):** What is the Welsh Government doing to increase the number of Welsh students studying medicine at Welsh universities? OAQ(5)0066(EDU)
- 13. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the government's expectations with regard to local authorities in relation to implementing Welsh language standards?  
OAQ(5)0075(EDU)W
- 14. [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#):** In light of Schools Challenge Cymru coming to an end, what measures are now in place to assist schools to strengthen networking and collaborate on good practice?  
OAQ(5)0067(EDU)
- 15. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#):** Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the educational support the Welsh Government is providing to pupils in areas of economic deprivation within Islwyn? OAQ(5)0074(EDU)