

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice



[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): What does the Welsh Government intend to do to mitigate the effects of the UK Government's decision to remove the universal credit uplift from today?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow items 5–8 to be debated

(5 mins)

NDM7802 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.10(ii) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NDM7798, NDM7799, NDM7800 and NDM 7801 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday, 6 October 2021.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5–8 together but with separate votes

(5 mins)

5 Motion under Standing Order 16.1 to establish a Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

NDM7798 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, establishes a Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister to scrutinise the First Minister on any matter relevant to the exercise of the functions of the Welsh Government.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.2T and 17.3 to elect members and a Chair to the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

NDM7799 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 17.2T, resolves that Standing Orders 17.2A to 17.2S (election of committee chairs) shall not apply in relation to the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister.

2. In accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

a) John Griffiths (Welsh Labour), Jenny Rathbone (Welsh Labour), Jack Sargeant (Welsh Labour), Paul Davies (Welsh Conservatives), Russell George (Welsh Conservatives) and Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru), as members of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister; and

b) David Rees (Deputy Presiding Officer) as Chair of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister.

7 Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to establish a Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform

NDM7781 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.5:

1. Establishes a Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform.

2. Agrees that the remit of the Committee is:

a) to consider the conclusions previously reached by the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform in the Fifth Senedd as set out in its report Senedd reform: The next steps [laid](#) before the Senedd on 10 September 2020;

b) by 31 May 2022, to make recommendations for policy instructions for a Welsh Government Bill on Senedd Reform.

3. Agrees that the Committee will be dissolved following a Plenary debate on its final report.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.2T, 17.3, 33.6 and 33.8 to elect members and a Chair to the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform, to suspend Standing Orders in relation to that committee, and to agree voting arrangements in the committee

NDM7800 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 17.2T, resolves that Standing Orders 17.2A to 17.2S (election of committee chairs) shall not apply in relation to the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform;

2. In accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

a) Jayne Bryant (Welsh Labour), Darren Millar (Welsh Conservatives), Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru), and Jane Dodds (Liberal Democrat) as members of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform;

b) Elin Jones (Llywydd) as a member of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform;

c) Huw Irranca–Davies (Welsh Labour) as Chair of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform.

3. In accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8, resolves that Standing Orders 17.37 to 17.39 shall not apply in relation to the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform.

4. Resolves that, where a vote is necessary to dispose of business, voting in the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform will operate as follows:

- a) the chair may vote only in the exercise of a casting vote;
- b) the Llywydd may not vote;
- c) all other members of the Committee may vote and, if they belong to a political group, each member carries one vote for each member of the political group to which they belong (including himself or herself and the Presiding Officer and Deputy if they are members of his or her political group);
- d) a resolution to agree recommendations to the Senedd must be passed on a vote in which the members voting in favour carry at least 40 votes.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Mental health

(60 mins)

NDM7793 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

- 1. Notes that Sunday 10 October is world mental health day.
- 2. Recognises the impact of COVID-19 on mental health support and mental health inequalities.
- 3. Regrets that the number of young people presenting at hospital with self-harming issues has risen by 39 per cent since 2007.
- 4. Calls on the Welsh Government to include in its replacement 10-year mental health strategy next year:
 - a) actions to implement recommendations from the Fifth Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee's reports, Mind over Matter and Mind over Matter: Two years on;
 - b) annual reports and the establishment of targets for waiting times for mental health treatment, including the reduction of backlogs;

c) a national rollout of 24-hour mental health crisis centres;

d) a clear mental health workforce plan.

5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a new mental health Act.

[Mind Over Matter](#)

[Mind Over Matter: Two years on](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Notes the commitment to review the evidence, data and current service provision around all age self-harm in Wales.

Welcomes the Welsh Government's continued commitment to:

a) implement recommendations from the Fifth Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee's reports, Mind over Matter and Mind over Matter: Two years on;

b) strengthen and publish mental health waiting time data and improve performance across Wales;

c) a national roll-out of 24-hour mental health crisis support;

d) a clear mental health workforce plan.

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the reform of the UK Mental Health Act is fit for Wales and aligns with current related legislation in Wales.

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

Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'the roll-out of a network of preventative youth mental health and wellbeing centres'.

10 Plaid Cymru debate – Healthcare workers' pay

(30 mins)

NDM7791 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports Unite, Unison and the Royal College of Nursing's efforts to achieve fair pay for all healthcare workers.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government, in its current discussions with the healthcare unions, to commit to a real terms pay rise above that proposed by the NHS pay review body.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the dedication and sacrifice of all staff in the health and social care workforce in Wales.
2. Welcomes the historic levels of funding by Her Majesty's Government to all regions and nations of the UK, including Wales, in successive budgets and in the fight against COVID-19.
3. Notes the recommendations from the independent NHS pay review body in Wales and the Welsh Government's decision to award NHS staff a 3 per cent pay rise.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently tackle working conditions such as mental health support, retention, upskilling and filling staffing gaps within the NHS, to ensure we have a workforce fit for the future.

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

Amendment 2 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to continue to engage with NHS Wales trade unions including on NHS pay.

11 Plaid Cymru Debate – NHS winter pressures

(30 mins)

NDM7792 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a winter plan to tackle the pressures faced by the NHS during the winter months.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes that the Welsh Government will publish a health and social care winter plan in the week commencing 18 October 2021.

12 Voting Time

13 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7790 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

Fit for the 21st Century: how can Wales give better support to help people overcome substance addiction.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 29/09/2021 for answer on 06/10/2021

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

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

- 1** OQ56949 (e)
What action is the Welsh Government taking to encourage greener transport?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

- 2** OQ56973 (e)
Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the North Wales metro?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

- 3** OQ56955 (e)
Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to designate the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley as a national park?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

- 4** OQ56945 (e)
What is the Welsh Government doing to help connect more properties in north Wales to superfast broadband?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

- 5** OQ56960 (e)
Will the Minister make a statement on community transport provision in the Cynon Valley?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

- 6** OQ56962 (w)
What guidance does the Welsh Government provide to companies that use Welsh land for carbon offsetting purposes?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

- 7** OQ56950 (e) Member declared an interest
Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the Renting Homes (Wales) (Amendment) Act 2021 on landlord continuity in the private let sector?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

8 OQ56971 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce emissions as part of a globally responsible Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

9 OQ56954 (e)

When will the Welsh building safety fund be made available for applications?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

10 OQ56957 (e)

How is the Welsh Government tackling CO2 emissions from cars?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

11 OQ56958 (e)

How is the Welsh Government planning to meet the increasing need for energy production across Wales?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

12 OQ56972 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to prevent flooding in communities in South Wales East?

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

1 OQ56975 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that pupils are protected from harassment in schools?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

2 OQ56943 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding the language impact of Welsh-language family farms being sold to companies in order to plant trees for carbon offsetting programmes?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

3 OQ56963 (w) *Withdrawn*

Will the Minister make a statement on the role of teaching assistants in schools?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

4 OQ56968 (e)

How is the Welsh Government enabling learners to learn in non-traditional settings?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

5 OQ56947 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Counsel General regarding working with schools and colleges to ensure that more young people register to vote?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

6 OQ56953 (e)

How is the Minister ensuring that all new school building projects are zero carbon?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

7 OQ56966 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on education catch-up post pandemic?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

8 OQ56951 (e)

What action will the Welsh Government take to ensure the delivery of high standards in education?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

9 OQ56956 (w)

What assessment has been made of the impact of COVID-19 on the Welsh-language skills of primary school children?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

10 OQ56964 (e) Member declared an interest

Will the Minister make a statement on primary school closures in South Wales Central?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

11 OQ56976 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for supporting disadvantaged pupils this academic year?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

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OQ56942 (e)

What support is Welsh Government providing for post-16 vocational education in the Ogmore constituency?