

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 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 Social Justice

(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 Counsel General and the Minister for the Constitution

(45 mins)

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3 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change: Update on the Metro

(45 mins)



4 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(20 mins)

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5 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To be answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change:

[Samuel Kurtz \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\):](#)

What impact will the Welsh Government's roads review have on improvements already in progress on the A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Redstone Cross bypass?

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services:

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\):](#) How is the Government addressing staff concerns and morale within Aneurin Bevan University Health Board following the publication of a critical Royal College of Physicians report?

6 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – An employee ownership Bill

(30 mins)

NDM7722 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for an employee ownership Bill on promoting worker buy-outs and employee ownership.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) legislate for a Welsh Marcora law to provide the legal framework, financial support and advice for worker buy-outs;
 - b) put in place a statutory duty to double the size of the co-operative economy by 2026 and to actively promote employee-ownership and worker buy-outs;

- c) provide financial support and advice for workers to buy out all or part of a business facing closure or down-sizing and to establish a workers co-operative;
- d) ensure that all companies in Wales in receipt of public funding or part of the social partnership and ethical procurement chains agree to the principles of worker buy-outs and employee ownership.

Supporters

[Joyce Watson](#)

[Luke Fletcher](#)

[Sarah Murphy](#)

[Vikki Howells](#)

8 Welsh Conservatives debate – Teacher recruitment

(60 mins)

NDM7811 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the hard work and dedication of teachers and school staff across Wales throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Acknowledges that teachers in Wales continue to face unprecedented pressures as we move out of the pandemic and implement a new curriculum.
3. Believes that falling teacher numbers in Wales will adversely impact the ability of learners to overcome the adverse impact of the pandemic on their education.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently bring forward a plan to boost teacher recruitment, which includes:
 - a) setting targets to deliver 5,000 teachers across Wales in the next five years;
 - b) refunding tuition fees for those who go on to work as teachers for at least five years in Welsh schools;
 - c) establishing a Welsh education advisory service to improve access to employment opportunities and establish more pathways into the teaching profession;

d) guaranteeing all newly qualified teachers with at least one year of employment in a Welsh school or college.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Expresses its gratitude to the entire education workforce for prioritizing the wellbeing of learners and its commitment to implementing the new curriculum despite the unprecedented pressures of the pandemic

3. Believes the wellbeing of the education workforce is of paramount importance.

4. Recognises that professional learning is essential for a high-quality and motivated workforce.

5. Condemns the Westminster Government's public sector pay freeze and the impact it has on teachers at a time of unprecedented pressure on the workforce

6. Welcomes that:

a) there was a 40 per cent increase in applications for teaching courses last year.

b) salaries for new teachers in Wales have increased 15.9 per cent since 2019 and that the Welsh Government helped deliver a 1.75 per cent) pay rise for all teachers this year despite the public sector pay freeze.

c) Welsh Government additional funding this financial year has helped match over 400 newly qualified teachers with schools.

d) Wales's focus on teachers' professional learning has been found to be "exceptional in comparison to many other OECD jurisdictions and provides a strong basis for the enhancement of professional learning in schools".

e) Wales is leading the way with a statutory whole-school approach framework guidance, which is designed to support the wellbeing of staff as well as learners

[OECD Education Policy Perspectives – Teachers' Professional Learning Study: Diagnostic Report for Wales](#)

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

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Believes that falling teacher numbers are influenced by a myriad of factors, including workload, unnecessary bureaucracy, staffing and personnel issues, inspection processes, as well as funding and budgeting related issues;

Further believes that addressing recruitment issues has to be a multi-pronged approach, focusing on valuing the profession and creating better working conditions and opportunities.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7810 [Samuel Kurtz \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Wales Young Farmers Clubs: developing conscientious young people in rural Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 13/10/2021 for answer on 20/10/2021

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

1 OQ57034 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that the £20-a-week cut to universal credit will have on Welsh communities?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

2 OQ57042 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to encourage diversity in employment in the public sector?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

3 OQ57061 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on community banking?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

4 OQ57059 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of sexual assault referral centres?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

5 OQ57038 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting community banking services?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

6 OQ57056 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the discretionary assistance fund?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

7 OQ57060 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding the support fund announced for vulnerable households over the winter?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

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OQ57070 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to tackle hate crime in south-east Wales?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

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OQ57062 (e)

How is the Welsh Government protecting residents from fuel poverty this winter?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

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OQ57044 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to raise awareness of how men can individually and collectively take responsibility for ending male violence towards women?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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OQ57032 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the voluntary sector in Pembrokeshire?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

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OQ57050 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of digital inclusion in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr?