

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 December 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)

For answer by the Deputy Minister for Social Services:

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What resources and guidance is the Welsh Government providing to local authorities, and other statutory agencies to identify



potential child safeguarding concerns, following the death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes in Solihull?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on petition P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline**

(30 mins)

**NDM7860 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline' which received 10,553 signatures.

[P-06-1208 New laws to protect rare red squirrels from habitat loss which causes population decline](#)

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Mental health services**

(60 mins)

**NDM7861 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the findings of the Holden report into failings at the Hergest unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

2. Regrets:

a) that it has taken almost eight years and a direction from the information commissioner for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to publish the report;

b) the delay between the publication of the report and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board being placed in special measures;

c) that the health board and Welsh Government have failed to address all of the issues identified in the report;

d) the lack of accountability for the poor performance of mental health services across North Wales;

e) the devastating impact of these failings on staff, patients and their loved ones.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

a) apologise to staff, patients and the families of those adversely affected by the failings at the Hergest Unit;

b) require all health boards to publish reports routinely and in a timely manner in the future;

c) deliver radical improvements in the provision of mental health services in North Wales;

d) undertake a fundamental review of mental health services across Wales with patients, families, professionals and other stakeholders;

e) publish meaningful information on the performance and quality of mental health services across Wales, including waiting times for mental health assessments and treatment, such as talking therapies;

f) establish a network of 24 hour mental health walk-in centres for those experiencing a mental health crisis;

g) work on a cross-party basis to deliver a new mental health Act for Wales.

### [Holden Report](#)

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Notes the progress being made to improve the quality and safety of mental health services in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board since the Holden recommendations were published in 2015.

3. Recognises the significant challenges that remain in mental health services in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the improvements needed to address them.

[2014 Holden report](#)

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate – Food poverty**

(60 mins)

**NDM7862 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that almost a quarter of people in Wales are in poverty.
2. Further notes that the use of food banks was increasing before the COVID-19 pandemic, has effectively doubled during the pandemic and all indications are that this situation will continue to get worse.
3. Acknowledges the profound, devastating and enduring consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people.
4. Calls on the UK Government to support the right to food campaign, which is particularly critical given the cost of living crisis faced by so many across Wales.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to explore all options on ensuring that the right to food is embedded in cross-governmental policy approaches to poverty.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes that every human being has a right to a nutritious and adequate food supply.

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Further acknowledges that the UK Government has increased the living wage and is spending over £111 billion on welfare support for people of working age in 2021/22.

**Amendment 3. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government in delivering its Plan for Jobs including the kickstart programme, aiming to create full-time jobs to reduce the risk of poverty.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM7859 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: envy of the world?

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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 01/12/2021 for answer on 08/12/2021

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### MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

**1** OQ57333 (e)  
What measures is the Welsh Government taking to improve inland water quality in Wales?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

**2** OQ57313 (e)  
Will the Minister provide an update on pre-assessed areas for wind turbines in Wales?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**3** OQ57318 (e)  
How does the Welsh Government support communities to tackle the consequences of erosion caused by flooding?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**4** OQ57335 (w)  
How is the Welsh Government supporting town centre transformation in South Wales Central?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**5** OQ57338 (e)  
What assessment has the Minister made of the quality of rail services in Wales?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

**6** OQ57321 (e)  
Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's priorities for town centre regeneration?

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

**7** OQ57320 (e)  
How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to enhance green spaces?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

**8** OQ57310 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Economy about supporting businesses to become environmentally sustainable?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

**9** OQ57327 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that builders complete housing estates to a satisfactory standard?

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

**10** OQ57326 (e)

What consideration has the Government given to introducing control mechanisms to regulate the area of Welsh land that can be used for carbon offsetting?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**11** OQ57322 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the development of guidance to support local authorities in assessing planning applications for intensive poultry units?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**12** OQ57325 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the role housing plays in addressing health and care needs?

## MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**1** OQ57329 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to minimise lost school time during the COVID-19 pandemic in North Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**2** OQ57323 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help schools drive up attendance rates amongst the most disadvantaged pupils following the publication of the latest Estyn report?

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

**3** OQ57312 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the net-zero carbon targets for new school and college buildings in Wales?

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

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**OQ57324 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the updated COVID-19 guidelines for schools?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

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**OQ57319 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on how schools in Powys are benefitting from the 21st century schools programme?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

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**OQ57328 (w)**

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the provision of Welsh-medium education?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

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**OQ57307 (w)**

What support does the Welsh Government give to Mudiad Meithrin to provide Ti a Fi services?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

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**OQ57317 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the funding of rural schools?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

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**OQ57316 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the new curriculum in Wales?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

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**OQ57311 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the choices available to parents when it comes to settings for their children's education?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

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**OQ57306 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to reduce the attainment gap in Wales?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

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**OQ57334 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the pay and conditions of those working in higher education?