

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

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.

1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Economy

(45 mins)

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Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM8111 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8: Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) 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 NNDM8110 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 19 October.



3 Legislative Consent Motion on the Energy Prices Bill

(45 mins)

NNDM8110 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

In accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Energy Prices Bill in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 18 October 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were received

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Renewable energy in Wales

(60 mins)

NNDM8102 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: 'Renewable energy in Wales', [laid](#) on 26 May 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 July 2022.

7 Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration report – Care Home Commissioning

(60 mins)

NNDM8104 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on its inquiry into Care Home Commissioning, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 1 September 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 October 2022.

8 Debate on petition P-06-1294 – Don't leave metastatic breast cancer patients in Wales behind

(30 mins)

NDM8103 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1294 Don't leave metastatic breast cancer patients in Wales behind](#)' which received 14,106 signatures.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Business rates

(60 mins)

NDM8105 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that Wales has the highest business rates in Great Britain.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to take immediate action to reduce non-domestic rates to support businesses and protect jobs.

The following amendments have been tabled

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the different non-domestic rates tax base in Wales, with a larger proportion of small and medium-sized businesses.
2. Welcomes:
 - a) the non-domestic rates relief Welsh Government provides to ratepayers every year, which means 44 per cent pay no bills at all.

b) the £116m of extra support for retail, leisure and hospitality businesses this year to help them recover from the pandemic, providing up to 50 per cent relief on their non-domestic rates bills.

c) that, as a combined result of these reliefs, 70 per cent of non-domestic properties in Wales are receiving support with their non-domestic rates bills in 2022-23.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to replace the current system of non-domestic rates with proposals for a new single land and property tax covering residential, commercial, and industrial land (with agricultural land remaining exempt).

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8095 [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

Living with cancer in Wales: improving access to prehabilitation and rehabilitation services

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 October 2022

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 12/10/2022 for answer on 19/10/2022

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

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

1 OQ58580 (e)

What plans does the Minister have to make national parks more accountable to local people?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

2 OQ58587 (e)

What is the Government doing to improve public transport in South Wales East?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

3 OQ58553 (e)

How successful has the Welsh Government been at getting people out of their cars and onto public transport?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

4 OQ58564 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the adequacy of permitted development rights in Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

5 OQ58566 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on building safety further to her written statement on 7 October?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

6 OQ58561 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the role of local councils in helping the Welsh Government meet its recycling targets?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

7 OQ58556 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure a sustainable supply of housing?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8

OQ58589 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to enhance energy security in Islwyn?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

9

OQ58584 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on any work being done to address the inconsistency across local authorities in the mileage thresholds being used in the provision of free school transport, following the publication of the Learner Travel Measure review in March 2022?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

10

OQ58559 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the support available to people in Arfon affected by problems with the Arbed 2 scheme?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

11

OQ58582 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with the private sector to encourage more house building in North Wales?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

12

OQ58560 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with Network Rail about improving the reliability of trains in Wales?

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

1

OQ58563 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding the potential benefits of creating low-tax investment zones in Wales?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

2

OQ58575 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote faith-based heritage projects in North Wales?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

3 OQ58579 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to promote and enhance the historical heritage of Newport?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

4 OQ58571 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the innovation strategy for Wales?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

5 OQ58557 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of how many swimming pools may have to close this winter as a result of rising energy prices and the cost-of-living crisis?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

6 OQ58583 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to address the workforce shortage and skills gap in North Wales?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

7 OQ58562 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of how levels of UK Government investment in digital connectivity impacting the north Wales economy?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

8 OQ58577 (w)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to businesses in light of inflation and rising energy costs?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

9 OQ58588 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect the economy in Islwyn?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

10 OQ58578 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the economic impact of the UK Government's levelling-up policies in Blaenau Gwent?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

11

OQ58555 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Counsel General about progress on, and the anticipated timescale for, the proposed Welsh Government needs analysis for apprenticeships in the legal sector in Wales?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

12

OQ58569 (e)

What support can the Welsh Government provide to small businesses who are struggling this winter due to the cost-of-living crisis?