

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 28 June 2023

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 Economy

(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 Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip

[Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What assessments are the Welsh

Government undertaking of the predicted redundancies at the Stradey Park Hotel, Llanelli?

To ask the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism



[Tom Giffard \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the recently announced establishment of a fund for a reporter to cover the proceedings of the Senedd?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8313 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Heledd Fychan (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Business Committee in place of Siân Gwenllïan (Plaid Cymru).

5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A civic duty to vote Bill

(30 mins)

NDM8293 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on the introduction of a civic duty to vote.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) to seek to emulate the success of other democracies that have introduced a civic duty to vote in increasing levels of voter turnout at elections and thereby improving the level of engagement and representativeness across all ages, classes and communities;
 - b) to introduce a civic duty for all those eligible to vote to participate in Senedd and county council elections;
 - c) to allow those wishing to indicate their dissatisfaction with a candidate, party or politics more broadly to do so by means of a positive abstention option on the ballot paper;

d) to allow for the introduction of an appropriate sanction for non-compliance with the civic obligation to vote or positively abstain, with legitimate exemptions; and

e) to provide for the introduction of a pilot phase for the introduction of the duty on an age-specific basis.

Supporters

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

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – 60% – Giving them a voice: Speech, language and communication needs in the youth justice system

(60 mins)

NDM8304 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, '60% – Giving them a voice: Speech, language and communication needs in the youth justice system', [laid](#) on 19 April 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 June 2023.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1340 – Stop the change of speed limits to 20mph on 17th September

(60 mins)

NDM8306 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1340 Stop the change of speed limits to 20mph on 17th September](#)' which received 21,920 signatures.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Rural communities

(60 mins)

NDM8307 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the importance of the rural economy and the role that small businesses play in rural communities across Wales.
2. Recognises the valuable contribution of Welsh farming to the rural economy.
3. Acknowledges the benefits of events such as the Royal Welsh Show, the National Eisteddfod and others in supporting rural communities and promoting the Welsh language and culture.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) create an infrastructure strategy to address the challenges facing rural communities; and
 - b) redouble efforts to tackle poor public transport connectivity across rural Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Add new points at the end of motion:

Regrets the removal of hundreds of millions of pounds of funding from the Welsh rural economy by the Conservative UK Government.

Regrets the lack of long-term funding certainty for farm support since the UK has left the European Union.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8305 [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

Vulnerable older homeowners living in homes unfit for human habitation

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 July 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 21/06/2023 for answer on 28/06/2023

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MINISTER FOR ECONOMY

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

1 OQ59751 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting digital connectivity projects in North Wales?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

2 OQ59746 (e)

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

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

3 OQ59732 (w)

What discussions has the Government held with Cardiff Council and other partners about the future of the Museum of Cardiff?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

4 OQ59740 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to increase productivity in South Wales West?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5 OQ59738 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support economic development in Blaenau Gwent?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

6 OQ59750 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the governance of Anglesey freeport?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

7 OQ59739 (e)

What is the Government doing to safeguard jobs and create employment in South Wales East?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8

OQ59761 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support investment activity in Welsh businesses?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

9

OQ59756 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language regarding ensuring that the Rhondda Cynon Taf National Eisteddfod in 2024 secures the greatest possible economic benefit and a cultural legacy for the area?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

10

OQ59735 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Cabinet colleagues about the role of a basic income in supporting the up-skilling and retaining of workers in carbon heavy industries?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

11

OQ59759 (e)

What is Welsh Government doing to grow the rural economy in mid Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

12

OQ59744 (e)

How is the Minister working with the UK Government to help hospitality businesses concerned about energy contracts and VAT levels?

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

1

OQ59758 (e)

How is the Welsh Government monitoring the management of health inequalities across Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2

OQ59762 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve support for people with diabetes in Blaenau Gwent?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

3 OQ59748 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the availability of dental services through the NHS in the Ammanford area?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

4 OQ59754 (e)

What is the Minister doing to reduce waiting times at Glan Clwyd Hospital?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

5 OQ59726 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the engagement process used by the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee in relation to the service review?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

6 OQ59736 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting patients with metastatic breast cancer?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

7 OQ59752 (e)

How is the Minister improving outcomes for residents receiving cancer treatment in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

8 OQ59745 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of access to healthcare at the Grange University Hospital?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

9 OQ59757 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that patients with myasthenia gravis have access to pyridostigmine bromide tablets?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

10 OQ59733 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on mental health provision for farmers?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

11

OQ59763 (e)

What policies is the Welsh Government implementing to encourage healthy lifestyle behaviours in Islwyn?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

12

OQ59731 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting children with disabilities and complex needs to access health services in south-east Wales?