

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 13 September 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 Social Justice and Chief Whip (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 Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution (45 mins)

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

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission (30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services



[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the safety of the health estate following the news that a major incident was declared at Withybush Hospital in August?

To ask the Minister for Finance and Local Government

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's 2023–24 budget, in light of continued commentary by Ministers via the media over the summer?

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on today's Welsh Government announcement that all of Wales' seven health boards are in escalation status?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on petition P-06-1337 – Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndwr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations

(30 mins)

NDM8345 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndŵr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations](#)' which received 10,539 signatures.

7 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Unsustainable: debt fuelled by the rising cost of living

(60 mins)

NDM8346 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, “Unsustainable – debt fuelled by the rising cost of living”, [laid](#) on 23 May 2023.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 September 2023.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022

(60 mins)

NDM8347 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to repeal The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022, due to come into force on 17th September 2023.

[Supporting document – The Restricted Roads \(20 mph Speed Limit\) \(Wales\) Order 2022](#)

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022.
2. Notes that lowering speed limits where people and vehicles interact the most can save lives.
3. Notes that exemptions are possible in locations deemed appropriate by local authorities.
4. Notes the importance of community support to any speed limit changes to ensure genuine concerns can be alleviated and further notes that more exemptions may be identified following the introduction of new limits.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to continuously review the impact of new limits, empower local authorities to make any further exemptions and provide local authorities with adequate funding to facilitate the introduction of new limits.

[The Restricted Roads \(20 mph Speed Limit\) \(Wales\) Order 2022](#)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8340 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Bringing the World to Wales – How do we unleash the potential of Wales as a major global tourist destination?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 06/09/2023 for answer on 13/09/2023

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHIEF WHIP

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

- 1** OQ59873 (e)
What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding the impact of blanket 20mph speed limits on the work of the police and fire services?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

- 2** OQ59881 (e)
What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that blanket 20mph speed limits will have on promoting prosperity and tackling poverty in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

- 3** OQ59888 (e)
What is the Welsh Government doing to alleviate fuel poverty?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

- 4** OQ59860 (e)
What discussions has the Minister had with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales about reducing loneliness and isolation amongst older people?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

- 5** OQ59864 (w)
What support is provided to food banks in South Wales Central to ensure that they continue to be able to meet people's needs?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

- 6** OQ59879 (w)
What action is the Welsh Government taking to deal with the cost-of-living premium facing residents in rural communities in Arfon, as highlighted in a recent report by the Bevan Foundation?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

- 7** OQ59893 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for people from Ukraine seeking safety in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

8 OQ59870 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the police regarding the implications for them of the forthcoming blanket 20mph speed limits in Wales?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

9 OQ59894 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the performance of the Royal Mail in delivering its statutory services in Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

10 OQ59884 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's current assessment of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on communities in Wales?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

11 OQ59863 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service's current public consultation on emergency fire and rescue service cover in North Wales?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

12 OQ59887 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that blanket 20mph speed limits will have on promoting prosperity and tackling poverty in Monmouth?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

1 OQ59886 (e)

What legal advice did the Counsel General provide to the Welsh Government regarding the Ffôs-y-Fran opencast mine in Merthyr Tydfil when it continued to operate after its mining licence expired in September 2022?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

2 OQ59885 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with UK Government counterparts about the statutory inquiry into the Lucy Letby case?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

3 OQ59877 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support legal advice centres?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

4 OQ59874 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Ministry of Justice regarding the condition of the court estate in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5 OQ59890 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding potential relationships between Wales and the EU?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

6 OQ59861 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government about reducing the commission rate from the sale of residential park homes?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

7 OQ59875 (e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the availability of disaggregated data on the justice system in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

8 OQ59891 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the possible impact of a change of UK Government on the devolution settlement?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

9 OQ59878 (e)

What action is the Counsel General taking to ensure that legislation on increasing the number of Senedd Members and implementing gender quotas is implemented in time for the 2026 Senedd election?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

10 OQ59865 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government regarding the use of police cells to house convicted prisoners?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

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OQ59896 (e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on discussions with law officers regarding the plight of women born in the 1950s refused their state pension by the UK Government?

SENEDD COMMISSION

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

1

OQ59866 (e)

Will the Commission make a statement on the security of the Senedd's email system?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

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OQ59892 (e)

How will the Commission facilitate closer and deeper relationships between the Senedd and the institutions of the EU?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

3

OQ59883 (e)

What assessment has the Commission made of the impact of the Senedd in engaging the people of Wales in Welsh democracy since devolution?