

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 May 2024

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 Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning

(45 mins)

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

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(45 mins)

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3 Debate – Stage 4 of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

(30 mins)

NDM8576 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the [Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#)



Supporting documents

[Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

[Presiding Officer's statement in accordance with s111A\(3\) of the Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – How we must all play our part: a public health approach to halting the epidemic in gender-based violence

(60 mins)

NDM8569 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, 'How we must all play our part: a public health approach to halting the epidemic in gender-based violence', which was [laid](#) on Monday 15 January 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 April 2024.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1392 – Reform of the additional learning needs Code of Wales 2021

(60 mins)

NDM8567 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1392 Reform of the additional learning needs Code of Wales 2021](#)', which received 15,160 signatures.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Coal tip and open cast mine remediation

(60 mins)

NDM8570 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that this Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) that Wales has 40 per cent of the residual coal tips of the UK, which are a legacy of the exploitation of Wales's natural resources;

b) that increased rainfall and extreme weather has the potential to further destabilise these tips; and

c) the anxiety caused for residents who live near disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

2. Regrets that the UK Government refuses to provide funding to support the long-term remediation and repurposing of disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently introduce legislation to establish a new body to set up a fit-for-purpose remediation programme for disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites.

4. Calls on the UK Government to urgently provide the necessary additional funding for the inspection and maintenance regime and bear the long-term financial responsibility for making disused tips, open cast mines and other post-industrial sites safe through proper remediation.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

In sub-point 1 (a), delete 'the exploitation of Wales's natural resources' and replace with 'Wales's industrial heritage'.

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

In point 2, delete 'regrets that the UK Government refuses' and replace with 'believes that the UK Government should continue to work with the Welsh Government'.

Amendment 3 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes that Welsh Government has made available over £44 million to local authorities to maintain and improve coal tip safety since 2022, has introduced a regular monitoring system for Category C and D tips, and will introduce new modern legislation for disused tips in the autumn.

Amendment 4 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 4.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8568 [Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

Soaring high: reintroducing the white-tailed eagle to Wales.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 30/04/2024 for answer on 08/05/2024

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

1 OQ61055 (e)

What is the Government's plan for making category C and D coal tips safe in South Wales East?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

2 OQ61051 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on house building in Mid and West Wales?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

3 OQ61050 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the effectiveness of the Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure 2011?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

4 OQ61061 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to help bring empty homes in Mid and West Wales back into use?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

5 OQ61041 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the amount of housing stock in Wales affected by RAAC?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

6 OQ61056 (e)

How does the Welsh Government intend to address the issue of prejudice against tenants with pets in the private rental sector?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

7 OQ61067 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on proposals to create a new national park in north-east Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

8 OQ61064 (e) Member declared an interest

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the performance of Rent Smart Wales?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

9 OQ61046 (e)

How is the Welsh Government embracing modern methods of construction to build social housing?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

10 OQ61038 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's regeneration priorities for Pembrokeshire?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

11 OQ61054 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to safeguard the provision of public libraries?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

12 OQ61063 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to learn from international best practice and innovative policy as part of their homelessness strategy?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

1 OQ61057 (w)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport regarding the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ61037 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote the benefits of outdoor learning?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

3 OQ61052 (w)

What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to ensure a decrease in the number of learner absences in schools?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

4 OQ61065 (w)

What plans does the Welsh Government have in place to train educational psychologists in Arfon?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

5 OQ61068 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring all pupils in Wales can access Welsh-medium education?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

6 OQ61042 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on capital investment in schools in North Wales?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

7 OQ61059 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure children are taught essential life skills?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

8 OQ61058 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve safeguarding in schools?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

9 OQ61060 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of education in Montgomeryshire?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

10 OQ61044 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the curriculum for Wales supports the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act in schools across Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

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OQ61069 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's policy on the use of mobile phones in schools?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

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OQ61070 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the whole-school approach to mental health?