

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

(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 Counsel General

(30 mins)

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#### 3 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

#### 4 Statement by the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: The Big Picture, An Initial Look at Broadcasting in Wales

(30 mins)



**5 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's report on its post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

(60 mins)

**NDM6239 John Griffiths (Newport East):**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act (Wales) 2015, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 December 2016.

Note: The response of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 February 2017.

**6 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)**

(60 mins)

**NDM6204**

**Hannah Blythyn (Delyn)**

**Jeremy Miles (Neath)**

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West)**

**Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that February is LGBT History Month, an annual opportunity to promote diversity and equality across Wales.

2. Further notes the contribution that LGBT plus people have made to our communities and country.

3. Recognises the role played by Welsh LGBT icons and allies in Wales as illustrated in this month's LGBT icons and allies exhibition in the Senedd.
4. Welcomes the progress made in the past few decades on LGBT rights and acceptance.
5. Believes that vigilance is needed to ensure that LGBT plus rights are protected.
6. Takes the lead in continuing to progress equality and challenging discrimination and division, ensuring Wales is a welcoming nation for LGBT plus people.

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate**

(60 mins)

### **NDM6240 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of easily accessible financial advice and banking services to individuals and businesses in all communities in Wales.
2. Regrets the closure of bank and building society branches in communities across Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - i) urgently explore all options to meet the financial needs of individuals and businesses in Wales; and
  - ii) examine the legislative and regulatory steps necessary to establish alternative models of banking service provision, including a Welsh People's Bank on the model of local savings banks.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\):](#)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the work of the Welsh Government in promoting financial inclusion, including support for advice services and credit unions, and the ambitions set out in the 2016 Financial Inclusion Strategy for a well functioning and comprehensive financial system in Wales.

Recognises the need for the Welsh and UK Governments to work together with partners to improve access to affordable credit and financial services and information for individuals, including debt advice.

Recognises the need to improve financial capability in Wales and notes the work being undertaken to establish the Development Bank of Wales and its intelligence unit which will better target financial services and advice for micro, small and medium sized businesses in Wales."

### [2016 Financial Inclusion Strategy](#)

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

#### **Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\):](#)**

In point 3 b), delete 'a Welsh People's Bank on the model of local savings banks' and replace with:

'the community banking model developed in Wales by Responsible Finance'

#### **Amendment 3. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\):](#)**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Welcomes the independent "Access to Banking Protocol One Year on Review" by Professor Russel Griggs OBE, published in November 2016

['Access to Banking Protocol One Year on Review – Professor Russel Griggs OBE'](#)

#### **Amendment 4. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\):](#)**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Welcomes the new Post Office Partnership agreement with UK Banks.

## **Urgent Question**

### **To the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure:**

**David Rees (Aberavon):** Following today's announcement on the steel ballot by the Tata workforce, will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on what discussions he has had to ensure the commitment to the investment in steel making at Port Talbot is secured?

## **8 Voting time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

### **NDM6238 Caroline Jones (South Wales West)**

Tackling loneliness and isolation in Wales, a partnership approach

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 February 2017

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 8 February 2017 for answer on 15 February 2017

R – Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W – Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.  
(Self-identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

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### To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government](#)

1. [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the findings in the Institute for Fiscal Studies' recent annual Green Budget? OAQ(5)0090(FLG)
2. [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will benefit the northern valleys? OAQ(5)0097(FLG)
3. [Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on business rates relief in Wales? OAQ(5)0089(FLG)
4. [Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#): What information does the Welsh Government hold on the amount of public expenditure spent in any defined geographic area within Wales? OAQ(5)0100(FLG)
5. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on progress with developing the Welsh Revenue Authority? OAQ(5)0099(FLG)
6. [Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#): What plans are there to use big data to change the way public services are delivered? OAQ(5)0088(FLG)
7. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the proposed general power of competence for local authorities in Wales? OAQ(5)0086(FLG)
8. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on how the Welsh Government ensures fair pay for local government staff? OAQ(5)0093(FLG)
9. [Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that any collaboration between local authorities is accountable to local people? OAQ(5)0085(FLG)
10. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for public sector

procurement in Wales, in the context of leaving the EU?  
OAQ(5)0091(FLG)

11. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the location of the Welsh Revenue Authority?  
OAQ(5)0096(FLG)W

12. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the complaints handling processes of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(5)0092(FLG)

13. [David J Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made to ensure that his latest blueprint for change to local governance is fit for purpose? OAQ(5)0084(FLG)

14. [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to help local government adopt new digital technologies to aid citizen participation? OAQ(5)0087(FLG)

15. [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to commission a study of unregistered land as part of the Welsh Government's assessment of the scope for land value taxation? OAQ(5)0095(FLG)

## To ask the [Counsel General](#)

1. [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#): What discussions has the Counsel General had with other law officers regarding the case of the Shrewsbury 24?  
OAQ(5)0023(CG)

2. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#): What discussions has the Counsel General had on the application of EU laws in Wales post Brexit?  
OAQ(5)0025(CG)

3. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): What representations has the Counsel General made to the UK Government regarding the legal status of EU citizens in Wales? OAQ(5)0024(CG)

4. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): What representations has the Counsel General made on behalf of the Welsh Government regarding the enforcement of maritime laws? OAQ(5)0022(CG)

5. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What progress has been made on the Welsh Government's codification of law programme? OAQ(5)0028(CG)

6. [Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#): Will the Counsel General clarify the legal status of the Sewel Convention as it applies in Wales following the Supreme Court judgement on Article 50? OAQ(5)0027(CG)

7. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): What representations has the Counsel General made in respect of appointing a Welsh judge to the Supreme Court? OAQ(5)0026(CG)