

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(20 mins)

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#### 4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services



**Bethan Sayed (South Wales West):** Will the Minister respond to the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales review into Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health board's handling of sex assault claims from patients with learning difficulties against a care worker?

**To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport**

**Rhun Ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's actions following REHAU Ltd.'s decision to consult on the future of its factory in Amlwch?

## **5 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

**Motion to suspend Standing Orders 11.16 and 12.20 (i) to allow the motion to amend Standing Orders to be debated (5 mins)**

**NNDM6956 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, 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 the next item of business to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday, 30 January 2019.

**Motion to amend Standing Orders (5 mins)**

**NNDM6955 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 12 – Oral Assembly Questions to the Counsel General' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 January 2019; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 12, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

## **6 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee report on the NHS Wales Informatics Systems**

(60 mins)

**NDM6948 [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Public Accounts Committee's – Informatics Systems in NHS Wales – which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 November 2018.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 December 2018

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate – Prisons and Criminal Justice**

(60 mins)

**NDM6949 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report by the Wales Governance Centre, Sentencing and Immediate Custody in Wales: A Factfile.

2. Expresses concern at the report's finding that Wales has the highest incarceration rate in western Europe, and that women, BAME people and disadvantaged communities are disproportionately impacted by harsher sentencing in Wales.

3. Notes previous research by the Wales Governance Centre which has revealed widespread safety and wellbeing issues in Wales's prisons, including increasing rates of substance misuse, self-harm, violence and suicide.

4. Notes that a number of young offenders from Wales serve prison sentences in England, and that incarceration has a significant negative impact on young people's future life chances.

5. Calls for:

a) the full devolution of criminal justice to Wales;

b) the ruling out of the construction of further 'super prisons' on any site in Wales and calls on Welsh Government to communicate this opposition to the Ministry of Justice;

- c) the full re-unification of the probation service and an end to partial privatisation;
- d) a focus on community-based approaches for non-violent crimes and an end to the overuse of shorter prison sentences;
- e) an end to custodial sentences for young people and women other than in exceptional circumstances;
- f) the right to vote for prisoners in Welsh elections.

[Wales Governance Centre – Sentencing and Immediate Custody in Wales: A Factfile](#)

[Wales Governance Centre – Imprisonment in Wales: A Factfile](#)

[House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee: Supplementary Evidence – Dr Robert Jones, Wales Governance Centre, September 2018](#)

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Wales Governance Centre report on Sentencing and Immediate Custody, Imprisonment in Wales and supplementary evidence to the Welsh Affairs Select Committee.
2. Further notes that, according to the Ministry of Justice, in October 2018, 11 percent of the total prison population in England and Wales were foreign nationals, with the most common foreign nationalities being Polish, Albanian, Irish and Romanian.
3. Believes that:
  - a) the prison service should be adequately funded and prison officers adequately paid;
  - b) all prisoners should be in the custody of officers of the Crown answerable to UK Government Ministers and not private companies;
  - c) the Welsh Government should work with the UK Government to reverse privatisation of the prison system;

- d) foreign criminals should be deported to serve their sentences in their own countries, and such criminals should be banned from re-entering the UK;
- e) new prisons should be built as necessary throughout the UK to accommodate the number of persons convicted of imprisonable crimes.

[Offender Management Statistics Bulletin, England and Wales](#)

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]*

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the focus by the Ministry of Justice on rehabilitative services, community sentences and reducing reoffending.

*[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 3 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Welcomes the work of the Commission on Justice in Wales and looks forward to its recommendations about future responsibilities for policing and justice in Wales.

Calls for

- a) the ruling out of the construction of further ‘super prisons’ on any site in Wales and calls on Welsh Government to communicate this opposition to the Ministry of Justice;
- b) the full re-unification of the probation service and an end to partial privatisation;
- c) a focus on community-based approaches for non-violent crimes and an end to the overuse of shorter prison sentences;
- d) an end to custodial sentences for young people and women other than in exceptional circumstances; and
- e) the right to vote for prisoners in Welsh elections.

## 8 Debate on NNDM6958 – The Prospects for a Brexit Deal Following the House of Commons Vote

(60 mins)

### NNDM6958 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Condemns the UK Government for its failure to engage in meaningful negotiations on the EU withdrawal deal on a cross-party basis and in terms of genuine engagement with the devolved institutions.
2. Reiterates its view that a no deal outcome would be catastrophic for Wales and believes that the UK Government and UK Parliament must do everything in their power to prevent no deal, including requesting an extension of the Article 50 deadline.
3. Believes if, as it now seems, the UK Parliament cannot unite around an alternative proposition which includes participation in the single market and a customs union then the only option which remains is to give the decision back to the people; and believes that work should begin immediately on preparing for a public vote.
4. Believes the UK Parliament should, with immediate effect, step up its engagement with the devolved legislatures on these issues.

#### Co-Submitters

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### Amendment 1 – [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that the UK Government's current position on EU withdrawal substantially negates the referendum result, by keeping the UK indefinitely in the customs union and, effectively, in the single market, while depriving us of any formal voice or vote in European Union decisions.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to withdraw its position as set out in "Securing Wales's Future", jointly authored with Plaid Cymru, as this also ignores the will of

the people of the UK, and Wales, who voted decisively to leave the European Union.

3. Endorses an exit from the European Union with no deal, without any extension to Article 50, and under World Trade Organisation terms.

4. Calls upon the UK Government and the Welsh Government to embrace the restoration of Britain's national sovereignty outside the European Union.

5. Calls upon the UK Government and the Welsh Government to accept that we are leaving the EU on World Trade Organisation terms on 29 March 2019, and to now concentrate all efforts on preparing for this outcome.

### [Securing Wales' Future](#)

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

### **Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to facilitate a parliamentary delegation to be sent on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales to meet with parliamentary and government representatives in Westminster to put the case for Wales as set out in this motion.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

### **NDM6951 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)**

Doctored pictures, doctored lives.

Is life online and in popular culture harming our reality?

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 February 2019

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 23/01/2019 for answer on 30/01/2019

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

### Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

1 OAQ53295

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on improving public procurement in Wales?

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

2 OAQ53308

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the devolution of income tax?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

3 OAQ53319

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on budget allocations to the housing and local government portfolio in relation to the post office network?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

4 OAQ53314

(e)

Will the Minister set out the Welsh Government's policy in relation to developing taxation measures?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

5 OAQ53310

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Treasury regarding the reallocation of any money from or to the EU upon the UK leaving the EU?

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

6 OAQ53309

(e)

When will the Minister issue the 2019 pay remit guidance for Welsh Government sponsored bodies?



**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

7 OAQ53279

(e)

What consideration did the Minister give to healthcare in North Wales when allocating the 2019/20 budget?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

8 OAQ53301

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of national statistics in relation to problem gambling?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

9 OAQ53313

(w)

Will the Minister provide an update on tax breaks for the community hydro energy sector?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

10 OAQ53306

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how Welsh Government plans for non-domestic rates support businesses in Mid and West Wales?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

11 OAQ53305

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the council tax reduction scheme?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

12 OAQ53280

(e)

What effect has the land transaction tax had on the yield from commercial property transactions since April 2018?

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

13 OAQ53298

(e)

Does the Minister have any plans to reform non-domestic rates in Wales?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

14 OAQ53300

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to make council tax rates fairer for residents in Islwyn?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

15 OAQ53286

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to increase public awareness of Welsh rates of income tax?

## Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

1 OAQ53278

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to bring more major events to Wales?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

2 OAQ53285

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the free swimming scheme for children and pensioners?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

3 OAQ53299

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to increase tourism in Islwyn?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

4 OAQ53312

(e)

Will the Minister set out the Welsh Government's initial priorities for Wales's international relations?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

5 OAQ53316

(w)

What is the Welsh Government's vision for fostering relations with stateless nations?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

6 OAQ53284

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on progress towards its target of one million Welsh speakers by 2050?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

7 OAQ53292

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's support for community cycling projects in Powys?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

8 OAQ53304

(e)

How will the Minister assess the success of the Year of Discovery initiative?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

9 OAQ53283

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's proposed programme for international engagement in 2019?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

10 OAQ53320

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the resources available for public bodies to support communication through the medium of Welsh?

**Neil Hamilton** *Mid and West Wales*

11 OAQ53303

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on efforts to attract consulates to Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

12 OAQ53290

(e)

What progress has been made on establishing a National Broadcast Archive to ensure this aspect of Welsh culture is accessible to future generations?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

13 OAQ53307

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the financial support available to groups using and promoting the Welsh language?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

14 OAQ53317

(w)

What discussions has the Minister held regarding the Welsh Government's response to the situation of political prisoners in Catalonia?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

15 OAQ53288

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities when promoting Wales abroad?

## Assembly Commission

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

1 OAQ53297

(e)

What assessment has the Commission made of the provision of safe cycle storage on the Assembly estate?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

2 OAQ53293

(e)

How does the level of food waste generated on the Assembly's estate in the last quarter compare with the same period in the previous year?

**Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*

3 OAQ53315

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the Welsh Youth Parliament following the first regional meetings?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

4 OAQ53318

(e)

How will the Assembly Commission fund any additional costs associated with the potential name change of the National Assembly for Wales?