

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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

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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

(30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport



John Griffiths (Newport East): Will Welsh Government provide an update on the action taken since the announcement of the proposed closure of the Orb Steelworks in Newport?

Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to support Ineos Automotive's decision to base themselves in Bridgend?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Motion under Standing Order 26.17(iii) in relation to the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill

(5 mins)

NDM7134 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that The National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.17(iii), agrees that Stage 2 proceedings of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill be considered by a Committee of the Whole Assembly.

[Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Bill](#)

7 Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to establish a committee

(5 mins)

NDM7136 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.5:

1. Establishes a Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform.
2. Agrees that the remit of the Committee is to examine the recommendations of the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform.
3. Agrees that the Committee will be dissolved following a Plenary debate on its final report.

[A Parliament that works for Wales – The report of the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform](#)

8 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report: Endoscopy Services in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM7132 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on endoscopy services in Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 April 2019.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 July 2019.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Air Quality

(60 mins)

NDM7133 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly of Wales:

1. Notes that Wales has some of the worst air quality in the UK and that some areas have breached EU regulations for several years, culminating in the Welsh Government being taken to court for its lack of action.

2. Regrets that around 2,000 people die early each year (6 per cent of all deaths in Wales) as a result of poor air quality.

3. Further notes that air pollution exacerbates existing lung conditions and is a cause of asthma and lung cancer, and that long-term impacts of poor air quality are not yet fully understood.

4. Calls on this Assembly to pass and enact a clean air bill in this Assembly term before the next Assembly elections.

5. Believes that the act should:

a) enshrine in law World Health Organisation air quality guidelines;

b) mandate the Welsh Government to produce a statutory air quality strategy every 5 years;

c) provide a statutory duty on local authorities to appropriately monitor and assess air pollution, and take action against it;

d) introduce a 'right to breathe' whereby local authorities are obliged to inform vulnerable groups when certain levels breach recommended guidance.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes that unacceptable levels of air pollution persist in some areas of Wales, the UK and Europe.

Regrets that some estimates suggest long term exposure to poor air quality is a contributory factor in the death of as many as 36,000 people in the UK, and as many as 1,400 people in Wales.

Further notes that short term exposure to air pollution can exacerbate respiratory disease, that long term exposure increases morbidity and mortality risk from lung cancer and other conditions, and that we may expect other health impacts of poor air quality to be identified as the scientific understanding evolves.

Welcomes positive action by Welsh Government including the introduction of permanent 50mph speed limits, the delivery of the Clean Air Day campaign and the development of a Clean Air Plan for Wales.

Calls on the UK and Welsh governments to use all available legislative and non-legislative actions to improve air quality.

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

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

Insert as new sub-points in point 5:

require the gradual phase-out of the sale of diesel-only and petrol-only vehicles by 2030;

create clean air zones in towns and cities;

give communities the right to place pollution-monitoring equipment outside of schools and hospitals;

enable local authorities to introduce pollution and congestion charges;

set national and regional plans to reduce air pollution in Wales;

reform planning law to require impact of air pollution to be given greater weight in the planning system.

10 Plaid Cymru Debate – Climate Justice

(30 mins)

NDM7137 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the call from Greta Thunberg and youth activists from Fridays for Future for adults to join with students and young people striking on 20 September 2019 to demand climate justice.
2. Applauds the role that students and young people have played in Wales and across the world in bringing the climate emergency to the attention of policy makers and the public.
3. Supports the planned strikes and demonstrations by young people and adults on 20 September 2019.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

Applauds the role young people have played in driving the climate change agenda, however, believes that striking and young people missing school is not the solution.

Recognises the widespread public concern regarding global warming and that limiting climate change requires international effort and co-operation, and notes the following actions taken to address such concerns:

- a) the world-leading role taken by the UK Government in tackling climate change and the transition to clean growth;
- b) that the UK has cut emissions by more than 40 per cent since 1990 while growing the economy by more than two thirds, the best performance on a per person basis than any other G7 nation;

c) the introduction by the UK Government of a legally binding net zero target to end the UK's contribution to global warming entirely by 2050.

Notes the Welsh Government's declaration of a climate emergency but regrets the government's failure to bring forward a comprehensive set of measures fitting for such an emergency.

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

Amendment 2 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Supports the call of the Fridays for Future movement for all politicians and business leaders to listen to young people because their determination, their ideas and their efforts are urgently needed to bring about a low carbon Wales.

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the commitment from Welsh Government to introduce votes for 16 and 17 years olds in time for the 2021 elections to the National Assembly for Wales, giving those young people a stronger voice in how Wales rises to the challenge of climate change.

11 Plaid Cymru debate – NHS Pay and Conditions

(30 mins)

NDM7138 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's proposals to extend nursing shifts without pay for more than 4,000 nurses and health care support workers.
2. Fears the loss of goodwill among staff who already regularly work through their breaks or are on call on their wards or units.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to protect frontline workers' pay and conditions within the NHS by ensuring that this regressive proposal is scrapped.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Values the NHS workforce and our social partnership working arrangements.

Expects all NHS bodies to work with, engage and consult with staff, their trades unions and other representative bodies on operational changes that impact upon staff.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3 and 4 will be de-selected]

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Further regrets that the number of working days lost due to stress and mental health related issues within the health board has increased by 20 per cent since 2014.

Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Expresses concern that this proposal will be unhelpful to staff morale and will place additional expectations on nurses and health care workers to sacrifice their contractual break periods.

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

In point 3, delete 'by ensuring' and replace with:

'and for the Minister for Health and Social Services to intervene to ensure'

12 Voting Time

13 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7135 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

Run Happy

Creating an active Wales where citizens run, walk or jog daily to increase their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11/09/2019 for answer on 18/09/2019

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

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

1 OAQ54345

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding funding allocations to the education portfolio?

David Rees *Aberavon*

2 OAQ54305

(e)

What considerations has the Minister given to ensure that the forthcoming Welsh Government budget does not reduce services to over-60s in Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

3 OAQ54311

(e)

Will the Minister explain how the awarding of discretionary business rate relief can support small and medium sized businesses?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

4 OAQ54324

(e)

What recent discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Housing and Local Government in terms of providing additional budget allocations to fund recycling in Wales?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

5 OAQ54333

(w)

Will the Minister give an update on Welsh Government plans for second homes taxes?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

6 OAQ54320

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of the UK Government's recent financial announcement on the Welsh Government's budget?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

7 OAQ54330

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's spending plans in the wake of the UK Government's spending review?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

8 OAQ54343

(e)

What is the Welsh Government's analysis of Wales' current fiscal position as set out in Government Expenditure and Revenue Wales 2019, published by Cardiff University?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

9 OAQ54340

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's spending priorities in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

10 OAQ54301

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on infrastructure investment plans for Preseli Pembrokeshire?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

11 OAQ54318

(e)

What steps have been taken to ensure adequate resources are provided for the Welsh Government's counter-fraud team?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*

12 OAQ54296

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of the UK Government's recent spending review on the Welsh budget?

Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

1 OAQ54321

(w)

What importance does the Welsh Government place on young people aged 16-18 in considering its target of reaching one million Welsh speakers by 2050?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ54335

(e)

What actions are the Welsh Government taking to promote community sport and recreation?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

3 OAQ54342

(e)

Will the Minister confirm whether adding the ability to speak Welsh as a desirable skill on job specifications for vacancies in the Welsh Government has increased the number of Welsh speakers within the organisation?

David Rees *Aberavon*

4 OAQ54304

(w)

What is the Welsh Government doing to achieve its goal of one million Welsh Speakers by 2050?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

5 OAQ54332

(e)

What key objectives has the Minister set for the Welsh Government's promotional activities during the upcoming Rugby World Cup in Japan?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

6 OAQ54328

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding the availability of tests and revision material for the driving theory test in Welsh?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

7 OAQ54338

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government's physical activity and active recreation policies are benefiting communities in Islwyn?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

8 OAQ54337

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the revised free swimming concession?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*

9 OAQ54297

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to attract major sporting events to Wales?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

10 OAQ54319

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the Welsh Government's international strategy?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

11 OAQ54336

(w)

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote the Welsh language across the world?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

12 OAQ54344

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's draft international strategy?

Assembly Commission

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

1 OAQ54306

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on the decision to select Carole Cadwalladr as the Assembly's Hay Festival speaker at the Gwlad - Future Wales festival?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ54309

(e)

Will the Commission confirm why, unlike the Scottish Parliament, Her Majesty the Queen has not been invited to the Assembly to mark celebrations of 20 years of devolution?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ54315

(e)

What effort has been made to ensure a wide variety of speakers at the GWLAD - Future Wales festival?