

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y_Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Meeting time: 11.00

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This meeting will be held by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that:

- The quorum for any vote to be valid is four Members, in accordance with Standing Order 34.10; and
- In accordance with Standing Order 34.11, each political group (or grouping formed for the purposes of Standing Order 11) may nominate one Member of the group or grouping to carry the same number of votes as there are members of the group or in the case of a political group with an executive role, the members of that group plus any other members of the government.

The Llywydd also gives notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings will be published as usual.

1 Questions to the First Minister

(60 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip will answer questions for the last 15 minutes of this session on matters relating to her responsibilities.



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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(15 mins)

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3 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

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

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4 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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5 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the cases of Covid-19 that stem from the 2 Sisters factory in Llangefni?

To ask the Minister for Education

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement giving an update on the arrangements for reopening schools for four weeks before the summer break?

6 Debate on the First Supplementary Budget 2020–21

(60 mins)

NDM7335 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the First Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2020–21 [laid](#) in the Table Office on Thursday 28 May 2020.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- (i) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- (ii) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- (iii) a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- (iv) a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion;
- (v) a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c); and
- (vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

Supporting Documents

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

7 Debate on the LCM on the Finance Bill

(15 mins)

NDM7336 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Finance Bill in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been [laid](#) in Table Office on 13 May 2020 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the UK Parliament website:

[Finance Bill 2019–21](#)

Supporting Documents

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

8 Motion to amend Standing Order 34

(5 mins)

NDM7338 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Remote Voting' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 June 2020.
2. Approves the proposals to amend Standing Order 34, as set out in Annex A of the report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes are temporary, and will cease to have effect on the dissolution of this Senedd or when the Senedd so resolves, whichever is sooner.

9 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report – Impact of the COVID–19 outbreak on the arts sector

(30 mins)

NDM7337 [Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the arts sector [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 June 2020.

10 Brexit Party Debate – Lifting Lockdown

(60 mins)

NDM7334 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) accelerate lifting of lockdown measures;
- b) work with the UK Government to support a UK-wide approach;
- c) facilitate faster re-opening of the Welsh economy;
- d) rule out raising Welsh rates of income tax to pay the costs of an extended lockdown.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Ensures that easing the lockdown is done safely by ensuring that the most rigorous possible test, track, isolate and treat programme be put in place.

11 Welsh Conservatives Debate – COVID and the economy

(60 mins)

NDM7339 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the coronavirus pandemic is both a public health and an economic emergency.

2. Welcomes the economic benefits afforded to Wales as a result of being part of the United Kingdom during the pandemic, including funding for:
 - a) the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme which is protecting 316,500 livelihoods in Wales; and
 - b) the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme which is helping 102,000 people in Wales.
3. Notes with concern the Centre for Towns report 'Covid and our Towns' which suggests that the economies of towns in the valleys and on the north Wales coast will be among those hardest hit by the pandemic.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish a Covid Community Recovery Fund to provide targeted economic support for those communities most adversely affected by the pandemic.

[Centre for Towns – Covid and our Towns – 23 April 2020](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Welcomes the Welsh Government's £500m Economic Resilience Fund, part of a £1.7bn package of support for business in Wales in response to the pandemic, which is the most generous anywhere in the UK.

Notes that EU funding has helped the Welsh Government respond to the Covid-19 pandemic and further notes that without successor funding the Welsh Government will be unable to respond at this scale in any future crisis.

Notes the Centre for Towns report 'Covid and our Towns' and welcomes the cross-government measures the Welsh Government is taking through its Town Centre Action Group and 'Transforming Towns' agenda across Wales.

Recognises the important role that creative and dynamic town councils and Business Improvement Districts will play in helping town centres recover from the economic impact of Coronavirus.

Welcomes the experimental work being done through the Foundational Economy Challenge Fund to explore new ways of building resilience into towns and communities across Wales which can support our response to the covid pandemic.

Welcomes calls made by organisations including WLGA, FSB Cymru, Wales TUC, Institute for Fiscal Studies and Wales Governance Centre for the UK Government to urgently remove the fiscal restrictions that significantly limit the Welsh Government's spending power to allow it to respond effectively to the pandemic.

Further calls on the UK Government to develop a significant economic stimulus package that can support the Welsh Government's work towards a green and just recovery for towns and communities the length and breadth of Wales in light of the pandemic.

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

Amendment 2 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish an All-Wales Renewal Fund to deal with the effects of the pandemic, that would transform sectors identified as being hit hardest by Covid-19, build a sustainable Wales by paving the way to a carbon free nation by 2030 and develop a new sense of 'localism' which values public services.

Amendment 3 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that now is the time for the UK Government to devolve further fiscal powers to the Welsh Government so that it is able to better care for the people of Wales in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

12 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 11.00, Wednesday, 1 July 2020

Oral Questions tabled on 19/06/2020 for answer on 24/06/2020

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

First Minister

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

1 OQ55332

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the dental profession in Wales during the coronavirus pandemic?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

2 OQ55303

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the support provided to local media by the Welsh Government in order to keep residents informed during the Covid-19 pandemic?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

3 OQ55329

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the effectiveness of the actions taken by the Welsh Government during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

4 OQ55342

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on support for the hospitality sector in Wales in light of Covid-19?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5 OQ55336

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the economy of the Heads of the Valleys?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

6 OQ55318

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's re-opening of the Welsh tourism sector?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

7 OQ55341

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the support provided to foster parents during the coronavirus emergency?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

8 OQ55330

(e)

What further action will the Welsh Government take to ensure that the provision of education from September onwards is of a high standard?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

9 OQ55325

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policies for supporting the economy during the current pandemic?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

10 OQ55338

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the R-value in south-east Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

11 OQ55308

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on support for employees who have been made redundant at Laura Ashley in Newtown following the announcement that management have been unable to secure a going concern for retail and manufacturing operations?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

12 OQ55335

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the coronavirus-related 5 mile travel guidance in Wales?

Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

David Melding *South Wales Central*

1 OQ55337

(e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to the voluntary sector in light of the coronavirus pandemic?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2 OQ55340

(e)

Will the Deputy Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is monitoring levels of domestic abuse during the emergency period?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

3 OQ55316

(e)

What assessment has the Deputy Minister made of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on equality for women in the workplace?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

4 OQ55334

(e)

Will the Deputy Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities during the remainder of this Senedd term for creating a more equal Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

5 OQ55331

(e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to the charitable and voluntary sector during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

6 OQ55339

(e)

Will the Deputy Minister provide an update on the delivery of community safety priorities in Wales?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

7 OQ55322

(w)

Will the Deputy Minister make a statement on the voluntary sector's response to the current pandemic?

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

1 OQ55307

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the welfare of animals in Welsh zoos?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OQ55320

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Dairy Support Scheme which has recently opened for applications?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

3 OQ55315

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on flood recovery work in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

4 OQ55321

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the Agriculture Bill?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

5 OQ55326

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's policies for supporting farmers during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

6 OQ55309

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's flood recovery and prevention action in Rhondda Cynon Taf?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

7 OQ55313

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting farmers in mid Wales?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

8 OQ55323

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of tidal lagoons in delivering the Welsh Government's renewable energy objectives?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

9 OQ55306

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote animal welfare during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

10 OQ55312

(e)

Has the Welsh Government made an assessment of how the coronavirus pandemic has affected those in fuel poverty?

Minister for Housing and Local Government

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ55324

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities about the role they can play in tackling child poverty after the Covid-19 crisis?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OQ55319

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the use of planning regulations in order to support businesses to come out of the current lockdown?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

3 OQ55304

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how homelessness has been reduced since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

4 OQ55311

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's relationship with local authorities during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

5 OQ55327

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the additional resources being made available to local authorities to deal with current pressures?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

6 OQ55305

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans for town centre recovery in Flintshire post-Covid-19?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

7 OQ55328

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the additional financial pressures facing local government because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

8 OQ55317

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the support provided to county, town and community councils during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

9 OQ55314

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of Phase 2 of the Homelessness Plan?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

10 OQ55310

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on planning policy in Wales?