

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

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.

The Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

(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 Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language

[Siân Gwenllïan \(Arfon\)](#)



What further action will the Government take in response to serious disruption to education early in the new school term due to an increase in COVID-19 cases?

To ask the Minister for Social Justice]

[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

What is the Welsh Government doing to address women's safety in public places?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv): Dementia

(60 mins)

NDM7773 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with and affected by dementia in Wales;
- b) the importance of unpaid carers in ensuring that the social care system in Wales was able to operate during the pandemic.

2. Further notes the necessity of an accurate dementia diagnosis to allow for unpaid carers, the health and social care systems and other bodies and service providers to accurately plan person-centred services, as stated in the national dementia action plan.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) fund research into developing accurate diagnostic tools to ensure that people who receive a diagnosis of dementia can access the correct support immediately post diagnosis;
- b) fund post diagnostic support for all types of dementia across Wales;
- c) establish a national dementia data observatory to ensure accuracy in dementia data and to collect, analyse and disseminate data on dementia to all service

providers wishing to access data to help plan and deliver dementia services across Wales.

[Dementia Action Plan for Wales 2018–22](#)

Co-submitters

[Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

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

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

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

[Gareth Davies \(Vale of Clwyd\)](#)

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

6 Welsh Conservatives debate: COVID passes

(0 mins)

NDM7783 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a meaningful vote on the introduction of COVID passes before they become a legal requirement in Wales.
2. Believes that should the Welsh Government determine it necessary to bring forward COVID passports, this requirement must be brought to the Welsh Parliament for a substantive vote prior to their introduction.
3. Recognises that the reopening of society is thanks to the successful UK-wide vaccination programme.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Welsh Government will lay regulations by 28 September and hold a debate and vote on the mandatory use of the COVID pass in high-risk events and venues, on the 5 October.
2. Recognises that the reopening of society has been achieved thanks to the sacrifices and hard work of the citizens of Wales as well as the successful vaccination programme.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate: Transport

(60 mins)

NDM7784 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the positive economic impact of the removal of the Severn crossing tolls.
2. Regrets Welsh Government proposals which could lead to charges for motorists using the M4, A470, the A55 and other trunk roads.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) rule out the introduction of tolls and road pricing on Welsh roads;
 - b) promote greener transport through action such as:
 - i) increasing the provision of electric charging points on the Welsh road network;
 - ii) the further promotion of active travel; and
 - iii) the extension of free bus passes to those aged 16 to 25.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that we are in a climate emergency and notes that 17 per cent of Wales's emissions come from transport.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to reduce the number of car journeys made and to encourage people to shift transport modes to public transport and active travel;

b) follow the advice of the UK Climate Change Committee to decarbonise vehicles and invest and co-ordinate the charging infrastructure to enable people to transition to electric vehicles and bikes with confidence.

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

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

Delete points 1 and 2.

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

Delete point 3(a) and replace with:

‘Improve public and greener transport infrastructure before considering the introduction of tolls and road pricing on Welsh roads’.

Amendment 4 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new sub-points at the end of point 3(b):

seeking full devolution, with adequate funding, for all rail services in Wales;

tasking Transport for Wales with creating an all-Wales rail network, connecting the north with the south and enabling rail traffic between the major centres of population;

combining rail with a regulated bus service to ensure a public transport option is provided for all parts of Wales, including small towns and villages that currently have only sporadic public transport facilities;

giving local authorities the power to establish their own municipal bus companies;

setting out a national target that 10 per cent of all trips are done via cycling or scootering by 2030;

explore proposals for electric-only highways and tunnels in areas of high air pollution and congestion.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7785 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

Hands up on Holden – Time for transparency on mental health services in North Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 22/09/2021 for answer on 29/09/2021

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

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

- 1** **OQ56902 (e)**
What are the Welsh Government's economic priorities for Preseli Pembrokeshire for the next 12 months?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

- 2** **OQ56929 (e)**
What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the workplace safety regulations that employers in South Wales East are expected to follow?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

- 3** **OQ56913 (w)**
What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding attracting green energy investment to Ynys Môn?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

- 4** **OQ56903 (e)**
What priority is the Welsh Government giving to astronomy within its science policy?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

- 5** **OQ56914 (e)**
What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the implementation of the Kalifa review of the UK fintech sector?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

- 6** **OQ56910 (e)**
What action is the Welsh Government taking to encourage industrial growth in west Wales?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

- 7** **OQ56923 (e)**
What plans does the Welsh Government have to strengthen the compound semiconductor industry in Wales?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

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OQ56919 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's economic priorities for North Wales?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

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OQ56924 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of COVID-19 on the economy of the Caerphilly constituency?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

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OQ56925 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on employment in South Wales West?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

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OQ56918 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to help create manufacturing jobs in North Wales?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

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OQ56932 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on terms and conditions of employment in South Wales West?

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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OQ56904 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of health services in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

2

OQ56906 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on perinatal mental health support?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

3

OQ56928 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of emergency stroke services in Cardiff?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

OQ56926 (e)

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4 What contingency plans does the Welsh Government have in place to support the Welsh Ambulance Service during unexpectedly busy periods?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

5 OQ56917 (e)

What steps are being taken to improve the availability of NHS dentists across Wales?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

6 OQ56912 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on access to GPs in Holyhead?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

7 OQ56911 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support children and young people's mental health?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

8 OQ56915 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting NHS Wales staff?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

9 OQ56907 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding the impact of trying to secure domestic fire safety measures on the mental health of the occupants of high-rise flats?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

10 OQ56931 (e)

Will the Welsh Government provide an update on its priorities for improving the provision of social care in Cynon Valley?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

11 OQ56901 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Veterans' NHS Wales?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

12 OQ56908 (e)

Will the Minister provide a timetable for the resolution of the blood-bottle shortage that is currently affecting services in GP practices across Wales?

