

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

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 Finance and Local Government

(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 Rural Affairs and North Wales

(45 mins)

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3 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 Healthcare Inspectorate Wales's decision to designate Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's vascular services as a service requiring significant improvement

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – The Devolution of Policing

(60 mins)

NDM7925 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Supports the devolution of policing.

Co-submitters

[Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

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

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

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

Supporters

[Sarah Murphy \(Bridgend\)](#)

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Ukraine

(60 mins)

NDM7945 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Deplores the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.
2. Expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
3. Recognises the suffering of the Ukrainian people through loss of life and injury, paying the price for this horrific war.
4. Acknowledges the rights of NATO to defend its members and supports the Ukrainian Government in the defence of their country.
5. Welcomes the action by the Welsh Government to provide humanitarian aid to those in need and safe refuge for those fleeing the conflict.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to urgently:

- a) introduce an expedited visa process to ensure simple, fast, safe and legal routes to sanctuary in the UK;
- b) remove the requirement for Ukrainians to provide biometric evidence prior to leaving Ukraine;
- c) provide further detail about the resettlement schemes and consequent funding that will be needed to support resettlement efforts.

Co-submitters:

[Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges that this conflict increases the risk of a nuclear war and the fear of nuclear war amongst people in Wales and beyond, and therefore calls on all states, including the nuclear states to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which came into force in January 2021, and which would prevent such a threat in future.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Housing

(60 mins)

NDM7946 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Acknowledges that Wales requires up to 12,000 new dwellings per year.
2. Expresses serious concern that during the last year the number of new dwellings commenced fell by 30 per cent to 4,314 and the number of homes completed fell by 23 per cent to 4,616.
3. Believes that the failure to build more homes in Wales is having a detrimental impact on property availability.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) facilitate the building of 12,000 homes per year;

- b) restore the right-to-buy in Wales, reinvesting sale proceeds into more social housing and protecting homes from sale for 10 years;
- c) work with planning authorities to see more land allocated in communities facing local affordability difficulties, including making more land available for self-build projects;
- d) scrap plans for a national construction company and support the growth of the private home-building sector.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Acknowledges the challenges being faced by the housing sector which are having a detrimental impact on housing supply across Wales.
2. Welcomes the investment being made in housing by Welsh Government.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to deliver 20,000 low carbon, social homes during this term of Government.
4. Notes the commitment to establish a National Construction Company, Unnos, to support our councils and social landlords to improve the supply of social and affordable housing.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7944 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Protecting community spaces: taking back control

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 March 2022

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 02/03/2022 for answer on 09/03/2022

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

MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

1

OQ57756 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of what additional resources local authorities will need to implement the new thresholds for self-catering accommodation qualifying for non-domestic rates?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

2

OQ57750 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on what requirements were considered when determining the capital settlement for Isle of Anglesey County Council?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

3

OQ57737 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding the impact of council tax rates on the cost-of-living crisis?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

4

OQ57730 (e)

What additional allocations will the Minister make to the climate change portfolio to aid local authorities like Carmarthenshire County Council in supporting communities affected by flooding?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

5

OQ57735 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on funding for the invest-to-save scheme for the 2022-23 financial year?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

6

OQ57738 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Treasury to ensure that the Welsh Government has the finance it needs to support those facing a cost-of-living crisis?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

7

OQ57755 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on any proposed changes to the land transaction tax in Wales?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

8

OQ57757 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the rights of community groups to purchase public assets?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

9

OQ57758 (e)

What steps has the Minister taken to ensure that the local government settlement is fair to all the residents of Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

10

OQ57760 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on preparations to accept refugees from Ukraine, following her meeting with local government leaders?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

11

OQ57763 (e)

What consideration did the Minister give to the funding of the Tech Valleys programme in allocating the budget for the economy portfolio?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

12

OQ57747 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that the cost-of-living support package is an effective means of addressing the crisis?

MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

1

OQ57742 (e) Member declared an interest

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's refreshed TB eradication programme?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

2

OQ57753 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on TB valuations in Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

3

OQ57749 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans to eradicate TB in mid Wales?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

4

OQ57746 (e)

What is the Minister's strategy for increasing the amount of vegetables grown in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5

OQ57743 (e)

What role will the sustainable farming scheme play in species recovery?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

6

OQ57745 (e)

How is the Welsh Government engaging with partner organisations to ensure animal health and welfare standards are being upheld?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

7

OQ57733 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had within the Welsh Government and externally to ensure locally sourced food and drink are available in schools, care homes and hospitals?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

8

OQ57759 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the sustainable farming scheme?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

9

OQ57741 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's strategy to encourage responsible dog ownership?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

10

OQ57736 (e) *Withdrawn*

How will the Minister review the impact of new funding and training for local authorities on improving the enforcement of animal welfare legislation?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

11

OQ57752 (e)

How does the Welsh Government support community supported agriculture?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

12

OQ57744 (e) Member declared an interest

How is the Welsh Government supporting sustainable food production in Wales?