

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 23 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 Economy

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

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Topical Question (10 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy

Luke Fletcher (South Wales West): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact the High Court decision relating to Baglan energy park will have on businesses?

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)



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3 Topical Questions

(10 mins)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress being made to accommodate Ukrainian refugees in Wales?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Religious buildings

(60 mins)

NDM7953 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the continuing closure of religious buildings, including churches and chapels, throughout Wales.
2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to work with the different denominations in Wales to discuss the future of these buildings.

Co-submitters

[Darren Millar](#)

[Jane Dodds](#)

[Rhys ab Owen](#)

Supporters

[Alun Davies](#)

[Russell George](#)

[Sam Rowlands](#)

6 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: A new direction for Heavy Goods Vehicle drivers – Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver Shortage and Supply Chain Issues

(60 mins)

NDM7961 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on its inquiry: A new direction for HGV Drivers, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 January 2022.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 16 March 2022.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Food security

(60 mins)

NDM7963 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the vital contribution that farmers and rural communities make to the health and prosperity of the nation;
2. Notes the negative impact on global food security stemming from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the direct effect it has on people in Wales;
3. Believes that there needs to be an environmental and food production revolution in Wales;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) convene a food summit including farmers, processors and retailers, so Wales can play its part in growing its food production base and boosting food security;
 - b) use the proposed Agriculture (Wales) Bill to enshrine food security as a public good;

c) make food security a key cornerstone of future support for Welsh farmers, including incentives;

d) support the proposed Food (Wales) Bill.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Regrets that the most immediate threat to food security for people living in Wales today is the cost-of-living crisis created by the Conservative UK Government.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) develop a Wales Community Food Strategy to encourage the production and supply of locally-sourced food in Wales, supporting our communities to bring about positive change in our food system;

b) create a new system of farm support acknowledging ecologically sustainable local food production, reflecting the UN principles of Sustainable Land Management.

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

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the importance of productive small family farms in sustaining the economy, language and culture in rural Wales.

Believes cuts to Wales's agricultural funding from the UK Government, alongside new Free Trade Deals with countries like Australia and New Zealand, will have a further negative impact on Welsh food security and production.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) convene a food summit including farmers, processors and retailers, so Wales can play its part in growing its food production base and boosting food security;

b) protect food security and production through providing stability payments as part of the next farming support scheme;

c) develop ways to reduce input costs for food producers and suppliers, to lower the cost of the food they produce for consumers.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7962 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Supporting communities at continuous risk of flooding: is it time to establish a flood forum for Wales?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 March 2022