

## Agenda – Plenary

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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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 16/03/2022 for answer on 23/03/2022

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### MINISTER FOR ECONOMY

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

**1** OQ57834 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help improve employment opportunities for disabled people?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

**2** OQ57832 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Cardiff capital region regarding its purchase of Aberthaw power station?

**Ken Skates** *Clwyd South*

**3** OQ57825 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting economic development in the Mersey Dee area?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**4** OQ57817 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plan for employability and skills?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**5** OQ57830 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support the tourism sector?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

**6** OQ57836 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding encouraging businesses to prioritise health and wellbeing in the workplace?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

**7** OQ57835 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the effects of COVID on town centre businesses in South Wales West?

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

**8** OQ57837 (e)

What priority does the Welsh Government give to improving people's quality of life when developing economic initiatives?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

**9** OQ57828 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the recovery of town centre businesses in Carmarthenshire?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

**10** OQ57823 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with partners to ensure that Wales does not lose out economically due to the levelling-up fund?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**11** OQ57846 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future of degree apprenticeships?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

**12** OQ57852 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support small and medium-sized enterprises in South Wales East?

## MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

**1** OQ57840 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to tackle mental health waiting lists in Wales?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

**2** OQ57827 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on accident and emergency waiting times in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**3** OQ57818 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting cancer patients to receive the correct treatment?

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

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**OQ57841 (e)** *Withdrawn*

How does the Welsh Government plan to improve NHS dental provision in Newport?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

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**OQ57851 (e)**

What are the principles the Welsh Government expects the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee to follow when making decisions about whether to provide treatment for rare cancers?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

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**OQ57839 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the North Denbighshire Community Hospital?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

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**OQ57849 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to help residents in Alyn and Deeside access an NHS dentist?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

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**OQ57838 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on mental health services in South Wales West?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

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**OQ57831 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support unpaid carers in North Wales?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

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**OQ57845 (e)**

What support is the Welsh Government providing for access to dentists post pandemic?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ57821 (e)**

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the number of excess deaths at the beginning of the pandemic amongst people living with dementia?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

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**OQ57843 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to improve care services in North Wales?