

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 June 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 to the Minister after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd



Rhys ab Owen (South Wales Central): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to protect the Welsh devolution settlement following the announcement by the UK Government to remove the Trade Union (Wales) Act 2017?

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the warning by Dr Gwyn Williams, of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, that a tide of avoidable blindness could sweep Wales if eye care services are not reformed?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Statement by the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee – Welsh Government Consolidated Accounts 2020–21

(30 mins)

6 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee report – Waiting well? The impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM8039 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Health and Social Care Committee report: 'Waiting well? The impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 April 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 June 2022.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1277 – Save A&E. Withybush General Hospital must retain 24 hour, 7 days a week, Consultant Led urgent care

(30 mins)

NDM8040 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition, [P-06-1277 Save A&E. Withybush General Hospital must retain 24 hour, 7 days a week, Consultant Led urgent care](#), which received 11,168 signatures.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Diabetes

(30 mins)

NDM8041 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that over 209,015 people in Wales live with diabetes and that Wales has the highest prevalence of diabetes of the UK nations.
2. Expresses concern about the rapid increase in the diagnosis of diabetes over the last 20 years.
3. Recognises the continued adverse impact of the coronavirus pandemic on waiting times, access to services, diagnostic tests, prevention and care for people with diabetes in Wales.
4. Acknowledges the need for a renewed commitment to improving outcomes for people with and at risk of diabetes to uphold the National Service Framework for Diabetes.
5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to publish the quality statement for diabetes before the end of July and commit to developing a new action plan for diabetes within 12 months.

[National Service Framework for Diabetes in Wales](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Recognises that work is underway to recover routine services for people with diabetes following the impact of the pandemic.

Recognises the commitment that exists within the NHS in Wales to:

- a) ensure that people are supported to make healthy choices which reduce their likelihood of developing type-2 diabetes;
- b) make progress towards offering those diagnosed with type-2 diabetes in the last six years the opportunity to access a remission service;
- c) ensure accessible and patient-centred care for people with diabetes, as well as the use of technology and education to help them better manage their condition.

Notes that work is underway with stakeholders to develop a diabetes quality statement for publication in the autumn.

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

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

Add as new point after point 4 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that investing in preventative measures could lead to a significant reduction in type 2 diabetes, and result in major savings for the NHS.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to publish a diabetes prevention plan focused on diet and physical activity, with appropriate funding.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls upon the Welsh Government to increase availability of specialist and embedded psychological support for those living with diabetes.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – 2023 Eurovision Song Contest

(30 mins)

NDM8042 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the European Broadcasting Union's statement on the 17 June 2022.
2. Regrets the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest cannot be held in Ukraine due to Russia's ongoing invasion.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the BBC and the European Broadcasting Union regarding hosting the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest in Wales.

[European Broadcasting Union: statement on hosting of 2023 Eurovision Song Contest](#)

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to also prepare a bid for Wales to take part as a nation in its own right in the Eurovision Song Contest, furthering Wales's presence on the international stage.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7979 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

Our Cymru: creating a leading football nation

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 22/06/2022 for answer on 29/06/2022

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

MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

1

OQ58276 (w)

What impact will gender budgeting plans have on the Arfon constituency?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

2

OQ58269 (e)

What are the Minister's spending priorities for Mid and West Wales for the next 12 months?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

3

OQ58249 (e)

What impact will changing the classification of self-catering properties for tax purposes have on residents in communities with increasing amounts of self-catering accommodation?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

4

OQ58274 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language regarding the funding of universal free school meals during the current financial year?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5

OQ58251 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the UK Government's economic policy on the Welsh Government's budget?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

6

OQ58252 (e)

What structures does the Welsh Government have in place to monitor the use of grant funding awarded to projects in Wales?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

7

OQ58267 (e)

What consideration did the Minister give to the duty of local authorities to provide accessible housing when deciding on the local government settlement 2022-23?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

8

OQ58259 (e)

What consideration did the Minister give to supporting small and medium-sized businesses when determining the Welsh Government's budget for 2022-23?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

9

OQ58260 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve local government performance in delivering services?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

10

OQ58243 (e)

What resources does the Welsh Government provide to enable local authorities to fulfil their statutory responsibilities?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11

OQ58256 (e)

Will the Minister give an update on how the Welsh Government's discretionary cost-of-living support scheme is supporting local authorities to tackle the cost-of-living crisis?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

12

OQ58264 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the rollout of the cost-of-living support scheme via local authorities?

MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

1

OQ58257 (e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to providing regular public awareness campaigns on responsible pet ownership to counteract the risk of a rise in animal abandonment as a result of the cost-of-living crisis?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

2

OQ58261 (e)

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

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

3 OQ58278 (e)

How will the Welsh Government's future farming policy help to reduce agricultural waste?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

4 OQ58270 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Valley Greyhound stadium?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

5 OQ58248 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting animal rehoming centres to care for dogs rescued from illegal breeding?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

6 OQ58244 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the the effectiveness of Welsh legislation in protecting dogs?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

7 OQ58280 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage young people into the agricultural sector and retain them?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8 OQ58277 (e)

What representations has the Welsh Government made to the UK Government about the impact on Welsh farming of the delayed introduction of European Union import checks?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

9 OQ58273 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support farmers in the Vale of Clwyd?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

10

OQ58255 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving animal welfare in Wales?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

11

OQ58263 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting agricultural businesses in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr in the face of rising costs for essential supplies like fuel and fertiliser?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

12

OQ58271 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with other Ministers regarding plans to improve Bangor city centre?