

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 January 2023

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.

#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

(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 Education and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

##### To ask the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact UK Government plans to limit the right to strike will have on workers in Wales?

##### To ask the Deputy Minister for Climate Change



[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Cardiff Airport in light of Wizz Air's announcement that it is ceasing operations in and out of Wales?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board**

(5 mins)

**NDM8169** [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with paragraph 5(1) to Schedule 1 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013, and under Standing Order 10.5:

Appoints Dr Kathryn Chamberlain as Chair of the Wales Audit Office from 16 March 2023 until 15 March 2027.

Note: The Finance Committee's report on the Appointment of the Non-Executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 January 2023.

#### **6 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Community Assets**

(60 mins)

**NDM8170** [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, 'Community Assets', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 13 October 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 January 2023.

#### **7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Liver disease**

(60 mins)

**NDM8171** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the recent publication of the Quality Statement on Liver Disease by the Welsh Government.
2. Regrets that while 90 per cent of liver disease is preventable, liver disease deaths have doubled in the last two decades and 9 in 10 liver cancer patients die within 5 years of being diagnosed.
3. Recognises that alcohol, obesity and viral hepatitis are the main risk factors for liver disease which is projected to increase with over 3 in 5 people in Wales being overweight or obese and 1 in 5 people in Wales drinking alcohol above recommended levels.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a clear timetable for the delivery of the outcomes and targets in the quality statement, including:
  - a) the doubling of the hepatology workforce, including liver nurse specialists, to address huge variation in access to specialist care;
  - b) when all health boards will have seven-day alcohol care teams in place to meet local need;
  - c) when and how the all-Wales abnormal liver blood test pathway will be adopted by all GPs to improve the early detection of liver disease.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Recognises the need for the Welsh Government, health boards and the emerging NHS Executive network structures to work closely together to drive forward implementation of the liver disease quality statement and deliver better outcomes on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of liver disease in Wales.

## **8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Wales Air Ambulance bases reorganisation**

(60 mins)

**NDM8172** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the invaluable work of the Wales Air Ambulance service in saving lives.
2. Notes the significant public concerns regarding proposals to centralise the north and mid Wales air ambulance service at a single location.
3. Acknowledges petitions of more than 20,000 signatures calling for the retention of bases at Welshpool and Caernarfon.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with its NHS partners and the Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust to ensure that air ambulance bases in Welshpool and Caernarfon remain in operation.

### **Co-submitters**

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

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee is undertaking formal engagement as part of a review of the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) Cymru service.

Notes the review is intended to ensure patients who need the service can access it no matter where they live in Wales or when they need it.

Notes no options or proposals have yet been agreed, nor decisions made.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8167** [Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#)

The current challenges facing the health and social care system in Wales, and opportunities for future service transformation

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 January 2023

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 04/01/2023 for answer on 11/01/2023

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

### MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

**1** OQ58924 (e)  
What steps is the Minister taking to improve biodiversity in the rivers of Wales?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**2** OQ58902 (e)  
Will the Minister provide an update on improvements to the Cambrian railway line?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**3** OQ58918 (e)  
What assessment has the Government made of the effectiveness of Rent Smart Wales in increasing standards within the rental sector?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

**4** OQ58920 (e)  
What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of climate change in Clwyd West?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**5** OQ58899 (w)  
What plans does the Government have to improve the energy efficiency of the housing stock in Arfon?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

**6** OQ58910 (w)  
Will the Minister provide an update on the work to reopen the Menai bridge?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

**7** OQ58915 (w)  
What steps is the Welsh Government taking to facilitate local renewable energy projects in Mid and West Wales?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

8 OQ58921 (w)

What discussions has the Minister held with other governments in order to share good practice in relation to supporting renewable energy?

**Ken Skates** *Clwyd South*

9 OQ58928 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on phosphate levels in Welsh rivers?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

10 OQ58906 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's strategy for reducing Wales's carbon emissions from food?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

11 OQ58926 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to tackle air pollution in Newport East?

**Jane Dodds** *Mid and West Wales*

12 OQ58919 (e)

Will the Minister provide a commitment that the Welsh Government will veto any new coal mines in Wales?

## MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

1 OQ58911 (e)

What action will the Minister take to improve the educational outcomes of school pupils in 2023?

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

2 OQ58909 (e)

How does the Welsh Government support the provision of Welsh-medium education and childcare across Bridgend?

**Jane Dodds** *Mid and West Wales*

3 OQ58914 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support the Welsh language in rural schools and communities?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

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**OQ58908 (e)**

How will the Welsh Government increase the take-up of STEM subjects amongst students in South Wales West?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

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**OQ58905 (e)**

How is the Minister working with the Minister for Economy to ensure the skills that industry needs are taught in the Welsh education system?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

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**OQ58927 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's strategy for the teaching of modern foreign languages?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

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**OQ58925 (e)**

How is the Minister working with the Minister for Climate Change to increase active travel to schools and colleges?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

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**OQ58922 (e)** *Withdrawn*

What work is the Welsh Government undertaking to ensure that all learners and communities have equal access to Welsh-medium education?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

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**OQ58923 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in Montgomeryshire?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

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**OQ58913 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on school absence rates?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

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**OQ58903 (e)** *Member declared an interest*

Will the Minister make a statement on the role of faith schools in North Wales?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

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**OQ58901 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting additional learning needs pupils?