

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 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 Social Justice

(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 Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(10 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution



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[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#): What advice has the Counsel General given the Welsh Government on whether processing hundreds of court warrants at a time, allowing energy firms to install prepay meters without individual checks, is a breach of Welsh residents' civil rights?

To ask the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport

[James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the Welsh Rugby Union regarding the claims of a sexist culture reported by the BBC?

To ask the Minister for Economy

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement in response to 2 Sisters Food Group's announcement of a consultation on closing its site in Llangefni?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8192 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Mark Isherwood (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in place of Paul Davies (Welsh Conservatives).

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill on digital carbon footprint reduction

(30 mins)

NDM8155 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on digital carbon footprint reduction.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

- a) respond to the need to be more efficient in our use of digital in Wales, as part of the effort to reach net zero, specifically in relation to the use of energy to run digital platforms;
- b) include a strategy to deal with data that is created, stored and processed in a more energy efficient way;
- c) set targets for ensuring that data centres run in the most efficient manner, including through the use of renewable energy sources, thereby supporting the development of a green data sector in Wales;
- d) ensure that sustainability is the basis of all decisions made when public bodies deal with data;
- e) encourage innovation to help decarbonise and reach national net-zero objectives.

7 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – Increasing costs: Impact on culture and sport

(60 mins)

NDM8189 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee, ‘Increasing costs: Impact on culture and sport’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 November 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 January 2023.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Reducing NHS pressures

(60 mins)

NDM8188 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the comments of the Welsh NHS Confederation that the Welsh NHS is facing pressures that ‘cannot be coped with’.

2. Supports the heroic efforts of health and care sector workers in Wales as they provide care in challenging circumstances.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a strategy to reduce the pressures facing the NHS with measures including, but not limited to:

- a) resolving current pay disputes by awarding NHS workers in Wales an improved, substantive pay offer;
- b) a clear delivery strategy with targets and full costing, for a new workforce plan, including steps to remove profit from agency working;
- c) placing preventative health measures at the forefront of all Welsh Government health-related policy and activity, involving all Government departments;
- d) improving resilience at the point of interaction between health and care, taking the pressure off social care through greater NHS step-down capacity, in addition to expanding social care provision for the longer term; and
- e) improving partnership working, co-production of solutions and delivery within the NHS, including by giving the new NHS executive the power to make real change.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that the Welsh Government's draft budget proposes to cut the health and social care budget in real terms in 2023–2024.

Amendment 2 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the actions being taken by the Welsh Government, NHS Wales and local government partners including:

- a) the announcement of a record £281m investment in health professional education and training budgets on 18 January 2023;
- b) the commitment to publish the workforce plan by the end of January 2023;

- c) the ongoing work of the care action committee to create additional community beds;
- d) the priority being given to discharge and working with local authorities;
- e) the ongoing programme of contract reform underway across primary care;
- f) the move towards an integrated community care service that is available to everyone across Wales;
- g) the models being developed through the regional integration fund specifically aimed at creating community capacity;
- h) the ongoing work to increase reablement capacity in the community; and
- i) the implementation of the NHS Executive which will improve the quality and safety of care for people in Wales.

If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected.

Amendment 3 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

In sub-point 3(b), delete 'remove profit from agency working' and replace with 'cap agency pay rates'.

Amendment 4 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to ensure that the health and social care budget is revised to ensure an increase in real terms in 2023–24.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8168 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

Supporting people in a cost-of-living crisis

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 31 January 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 18/01/2023 for answer on 25/01/2023

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

1

OQ58988 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the rollout of the Welsh Government's warm hubs scheme?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

2

OQ59003 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's discussions regarding the pay and conditions of Royal Mail workers in Wales?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

3

OQ58989 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on community safety in Rhyl and Prestatyn?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

4

OQ59000 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve disabled people's access to public services?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

5

OQ59006 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with HMRC, the Department for Work and Pensions and local authorities to ensure that financial support designed to assist with the increased cost of living reaches as many people as possible?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

6

OQ58992 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to financially support fire and rescue authorities?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

7

OQ58993 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government on the progress of the police covenant?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

8

OQ58996 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to advance data justice?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

9

OQ59001 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Finance and Local Government on the impact of the draft budget on social justice?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

10

OQ58994 (e)

What discussions has the Minister held with relevant authorities across Wales to ensure the safety of women in public spaces?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

11

OQ58980 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the support provided by the Welsh Government to families experiencing hardship due to the rising cost of living?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

12

OQ58982 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the use of bailiffs in debt collection on families living in poverty in Mid and West Wales?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

1

OQ59008 (e)

What advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding the impact of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill on devolved competencies?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

2

OQ59002 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of the apprenticeship levy on legal training in Wales?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

3

OQ58997 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding its ability to carry out a four-day week trial in Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

4

OQ58987 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had about ensuring that the UK COVID-19 public inquiry has access to the expertise of the Welsh legal sector?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

5

OQ59004 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of the UK Government's Public Order Bill on Wales?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

6

OQ58999 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the impact of the UK Government's Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill on the devolution settlement?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

7

OQ58986 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding the impact of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill on the Welsh public sector?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

8

OQ58984 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the implementation of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

9

OQ58995 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government about whether it has the legal powers to conduct or commission an inquiry into how allegations against officers within Welsh police forces are handled?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

10

OQ58985 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding its policy on the legal status of gender self-identification?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

11

OQ58990 (e)

Is the Counsel General content that the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 are enforceable?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

12

OQ59011 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact the UK Parliament's decision to block the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill will have on devolution in Wales?

SENEDD COMMISSION

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

1

OQ59009 (e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the progress of negotiations that have led to the announcement of strike action by Commission staff on 1 February?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

2

OQ59007 (w)

How does the Commission promote the Welsh Parliament to the world?