

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 1 March 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)

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

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#### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(15 mins)

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#### 4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice



**Senedd Cymru**  
**Welsh Parliament**

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of Ofgem's new price cap on residents in Wales?

**To ask the Minister for Health and Social Justice**

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): Will the Minister provide a statement following RCN Wales's rejection of the Welsh Government's additional NHS pay offer for 2022–23?

**5 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

**6 Plaid Cymru Debate – Industrial relations**

(60 mins)

**NDM8210** [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Expresses solidarity with public sector workers throughout Wales who are undertaking industrial action in response to years of real-term cuts to their wages.
2. Believes that the ability of workers to undertake strike action to improve their pay and conditions is a fundamental democratic right.
3. Believes that the UK Government's Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill is a full-frontal attack on working people and the trade unions they organise within.
4. Regrets that the Bill would give the UK Government significant coercive power to curtail trade unions' and workers' ability to engage in lawful industrial action.
5. Regrets that the Bill also conflicts with the aims of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Bill, particularly the commitment of making Wales a fair work nation.
6. Supports all trade unions and public sector workers in their efforts to resist the Bill.
7. Calls on the Welsh Government to open discussions around the devolution of employment law to secure the collective rights and bargaining powers of workers in Wales.

[Strikes \(Minimum Service Levels\) Bill](#)

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

Welcomes the action being taken by the UK Government to amend the legal framework governing industrial action to ensure that minimum service levels are set in key sectors during periods of strike action.

**If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected.**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Acknowledges and respects the strength of feeling demonstrated by trade union members through strike ballots and industrial action taken.
2. Believes that the UK Government's Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill is an attack on trade unions and a workers' fundamental right to strike.
3. Regrets the complete lack of engagement by the UK Government on this legislation prior to its introduction and notes the position of the Welsh Government as set out in its Written Statement and Legislative Consent Memorandum.
4. Supports the Welsh Government, and all trade unions and public sector workers in their efforts to resist the Bill.

[Written Statement: Welsh Government position on the Strikes \(Minimum Service Levels\) Bill](#)

[Legislative Consent: Strikes \(Minimum Service Levels\) Bill](#)

## **7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The Welsh language**

(60 mins)

**NDM8212** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Cymraeg 2050: Work Programme 2021 to 2026.

2. Expresses concern that the 2021 Census revealed that the number of people who say they can speak Welsh decreased by more than 20,000.
3. Believes that the Welsh language is a cultural asset which brings many benefits to Wales.
4. Recognises the disparity in confidence amongst Welsh speakers.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to explore opportunities to expand and promote the day-to-day use of the Welsh language.

[Cymraeg 2050: Work Programme 2021 to 2026](#)

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Recognises that other data sources show that an increasing amount of people have some Welsh-speaking ability and that increasing numbers of children are attending Welsh-medium education.

Welcomes:

- (a) that all local authorities in Wales have published new Welsh in Education Strategic Plans to increase access to Welsh language learning across all school language categories;
- (b) the work of the Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities to strengthen Welsh at a community level; and
- (c) the work of our partner organisations such as Mudiad Meithrin, the National Centre for Learning Welsh, the Urdd, the National Eisteddfod, the Mentrau Iaith, and others, to provide opportunities to use the language.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8211** [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi – Welsh identity in Newport

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 March 2023

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 22/02/2023 for answer on 01/03/2023

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

### MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

**1** OQ59162 (e)

What is the Government doing to help families in South Wales East who have fallen into debt?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**2** OQ59168 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that the road review outcomes will have on promoting prosperity and tackling poverty in North Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**3** OQ59178 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's strategy for tackling the shortage of Gypsy and Traveller sites across Wales?

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

**4** OQ59173 (w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the effectiveness of Welsh Government policies to ensure community safety in Cardiff?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

**5** OQ59183 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the report into misogyny and sexual misconduct in the North Wales Police Force published by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

**6** OQ59184 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the distribution of lottery funding in Islwyn compared to the rest of Wales?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**7** OQ59172 (w)

How does the Welsh Government support South Wales Central residents who are facing fuel poverty?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

8

**OQ59174 (e)**

What steps is the Minister taking to provide adequate support for Ukrainian refugees?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

9

**OQ59166 (e)**

What support does the Welsh Government offer to charities that help older people manage their finances?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

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**OQ59155 (e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with Ofgem regarding its review into the forced installation of prepay meters?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

11

**OQ59161 (e)**

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that housing shortages are having on Wales's ability to become a nation of sanctuary?

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

12

**OQ59180 (e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with the Future Generations Commissioner about how they spend taxpayers' money allocated to them by the Welsh Government?

## **COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION**

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

1

**OQ59187 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Minister for Social Justice regarding the steps the Welsh Government can take to assist women who were born in the 1950s that were refused their pensions?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

2

**OQ59181 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd regarding the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

3

**OQ59179 (e)**

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the costs associated with devolving responsibility for courts and sentencing to Wales?

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

4

**OQ59170 (e)**

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the tendering process for the level 7 legal apprenticeship programme?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

5

**OQ59177 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Minister for Climate Change ahead of the decision to scrap several major road projects in North Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

6

**OQ59176 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding its policy on gender self-identification following the UK Government's decision to block the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill?

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

7

**OQ59171 (w)**

What discussions has the Counsel General had with UK Government law officers about ensuring that Wales has the powers to make St David's day a public holiday?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

8

**OQ59182 (e)**

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding devolving powers on income tax bands to Wales?



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

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**OQ59165 (e)**

What is the Commission doing to ensure that the Senedd estate is fully accessible for disabled people?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

2

**OQ59164 (w)**

What progress has the Commission made towards fulfilling the recommendations of the digital news and information taskforce's report?

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

3

**OQ59186 (w)**

Will the Commission provide an update on the extent to which it is meeting its key performance indicators for the Sixth Senedd?