

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 July 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.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM8336 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8: Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i), and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8335 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday, 12 July 2023.

1 Motion to establish a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8335 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3 establishes a Reform Bill Committee to scrutinise Bills referred to it by the Business Committee.

Agrees that the Committee will be dissolved either:

i) when all Bills referred to the Committee have received Royal Assent and the Business Committee has decided that no further Bills will be referred to the Committee; or

ii) when the Senedd so resolves;

whichever is the sooner.



2 Motion to allocate a committee chair to a political group

(5 mins)

NNDM8337 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2A agrees that the political group from which the chair of the Reform Bill Committee is elected will be the Welsh Labour group.

3 Nominations for a committee chair

(5 mins)

The Llywydd will invite nominations for the chair of the following committee, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2F:

1. Reform Bill Committee – Labour.

4 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.

[View Questions](#)

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

(45 mins)

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6 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Government's decision that it will not provide free meals to eligible school children during the summer holidays?

To ask the Minister for Climate Change

[James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Water having its rating reduced by Natural Resources Wales?

To ask the Minister for Economy

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on Monmouthshire Building Society's decision to stand down from the Community Bank project?

[Natasha Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the closure of the Welsh Life Sciences Investment Fund, which has resulted in £27.1m written off in its 2022–23 accounts?

7 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

8 Finance Committee Debate – The Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2024–25 budget

(60 mins)

NDM8329 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the engagement work undertaken by the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2024–25 budget, and further notes the representations made by participants at the following events:

- a) a stakeholder event at Wrexham Glyndŵr University;
- b) a workshop with Members from the Welsh Youth Parliament; and
- c) citizen engagement focus groups.

[Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Finance Committee Summary Engagement Report](#)

9 Debate on the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee report – Common Frameworks

(30 mins)

NDM8328 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee titled Common Frameworks, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 May 2023.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 July 2023.

10 Petitions Committee and Children, Young People and Education Committee Joint Debate – Services for care experienced children and young people

(60 mins)

NDM8327 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee, ‘Supporting care experienced parents’, which was [laid](#) in the table office on 02 March 2023, and the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, ‘If not now, then when? Radical reform for care experienced children and young people’, which was [laid](#) in the table office on 24 May 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the Petitions Committee report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 14 June 2023 and the response to the Children Young People and Education Committee was [laid](#) on 5 July 2023.

Co-submitters

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

11 Plaid Cymru Debate – The Crown Estate

(60 mins)

NDM8326 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that:

a) the Crown Estate, at a UK level, recorded a net revenue profit of £442.6m in the financial year 2022–23; and

b) the value of the Crown Estate’s assets in Wales has increased considerably in recent years, reaching £603m at the end of the financial year 2021.

2. Believes that Wales’s net–zero goals could be realised more effectively if it had full control over its resources.

3. Calls for the devolution of powers over the management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Wales.

[Creating lasting and shared prosperity for the nation –The Crown Estate](#)

[Wales Highlights 2020/21 – The Crown Estate](#)

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the positive contribution of the Crown Estate towards tackling the climate emergency and increasing renewable energy production via the establishment of a world–leading offshore renewables sector.

Calls upon the Welsh Government to engage with the Crown Estate and other stakeholders to achieve its net–zero goals and deliver:

a hydrogen strategy for Wales;

a Welsh national marine development plan;

a national blue carbon recovery plan for Wales; and

support for small scale hydro projects.

Motion to elect Members to a committee – Reform Bill Committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8338 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Sarah Murphy (Welsh Labour), Darren Millar (Welsh Conservatives) and Heledd Fychan (Plaid Cymru) as members of the Reform Bill Committee.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8334 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Buffy Williams (Welsh Labour) as a member of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee in place of Sarah Murphy (Welsh Labour).

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM8332 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8: Suspend that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NDM8331 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday, 12 July 2023.

12 Motion to amend Standing Orders – Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

(5 mins)

NDM8331 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, ‘Amending Standing Orders: Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee’, [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 July 2023.
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders to add new Standing Order 35, as set out in Annex A of the report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes are temporary, and will cease to have effect following a resolution of the Senedd that the Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee should cease to exist, or on the dissolution of this Senedd, whichever is sooner.

13 Voting Time

14 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8330 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

The importance of all Members of the Senedd learning CPR

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 September 2023

Agenda Item 4

Oral Questions tabled on 05/07/2023 for answer on 12/07/2023

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

MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

1

OQ59820 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the creation of corporate joint committees?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

2

OQ59845 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding funding public transport grants for local authorities in South Wales West?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

3

OQ59824 (e)

What consideration did the Minister give to the need for additional support for local authorities to tackle the public bus emergency when allocating funding to the climate change portfolio?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

4

OQ59831 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the funding formula for local authorities?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5

OQ59816 (e)

How does the Welsh Government hold local authorities to account for the discharge of their duties under Welsh legislation?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

6

OQ59839 (e)

What discussions is the Minister having with local authorities about the staffing and recruitment challenges they face?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

7

OQ59846 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that councils in South Wales West are properly funded?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

8

OQ59849 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government financial support for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

9

OQ59842 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language regarding the funding provided to local authorities for education?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

10

OQ59828 (e)

What consideration does the Minister give to supporting care leavers when drawing up the Welsh Government's budget?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

11

OQ59818 (e)

What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that revenue support grant funding is sustainable for the future?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

12

OQ59822 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language regarding additional financial support for local authorities to continue providing free school meals to those eligible during the school holidays?

MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

1

OQ59821 (e)

How does the Welsh Government support food innovation?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

2

OQ59814 (e)

How will the sustainable farming scheme deliver better recreational access to the countryside?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

3

OQ59819 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities and other stakeholders to reduce the number of pets, such as goldfish, being given away as prizes?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

4

OQ59844 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's response to cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

5

OQ59829 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with government colleagues about Transport for Wales's recently announced improvement plan for services on the Wrexham to Bidston line?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

6

OQ59837 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the beverage industry based in Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

7

OQ59815 (e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to the introduction of mandatory cat microchipping in Wales, either via its own regulations or through legislative consent?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

8

OQ59848 (e)

Has the Minister given any further consideration towards the introduction of mandatory cat microchipping in Wales, either via its own regulations or through legislative consent?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

9

OQ59830 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Cabinet colleagues about the impact of energy infrastructure development on communities in North Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

10

OQ59835 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on efforts to eradicate bovine TB in Mid and West Wales?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

11

OQ59823 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on work to review dog-breeding regulations?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

12

OQ59843 (e) Member declared an interest

What action is the Minister taking to support the rural economy?