

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 October 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 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 Deputy Minister for Climate Change**

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the UK Government's reported decision to scrap the Birmingham to Manchester branch line of the HS2 project on transport funding in Wales?



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

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – The Right to Adequate Housing**

(60 mins)

**NDM8365** [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, ‘The Right to Adequate Housing’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 July 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 September 2023.

#### **6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Natural Resources Wales: Annual Scrutiny 2022–23**

(60 mins)

**NDM8367** [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: ‘Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2022–23’, [laid](#) on 19 May 2023.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 July 2023.

#### **Supporting Documents**

[Natural Resources Wales response to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report](#)

#### **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Bus services**

(60 mins)

**NDM8369** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that bus services are essential to the connectivity of Welsh communities and for children travelling to school.
2. Notes that the Confederation of Passenger Transport has warned of further cuts to the provision of Welsh bus services without firm guarantees on long-term funding from the Welsh Government.
3. Regrets that almost 10 per cent of Wales's bus routes were axed over the summer due to the end of Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) funding.
4. Expresses concern that the end of the Rural Development Programme Grant will lead to the full closure of the fflecsi Bwcabus service across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire by 31 October and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that it's reinstated.
5. Believes that Wales's public transport network could be placed on a sustainable footing if Wales were to receive its fair share of HS2 funding.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to protect, invest in and expand bus services across Wales.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Delete points 2, 3 and 4 and replace with:

Notes that by the end of 23/24 Welsh Government will have provided over £200m of emergency funding to the bus industry.

Notes the failure of the UK Government to keep its promise that we would not be worse off as a result of Brexit has led to local authorities withdrawing the Bwcabws service.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8348 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)**

Parental blame and the pathological demand avoidance profile of autism

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 October 2023

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 27/09/2023 for answer on 04/10/2023

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

### MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**1** OQ60013 (e)

What consideration has the Minister given to the size of the revenue support grant for local authorities in north Wales for 2024-25?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

**2** OQ60028 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the progressive procurement work happening across Wales's public service boards?

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

**3** OQ60022 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with council leaders regarding potential front-line service cuts in light of the Welsh Government facing a real-terms £900m budget shortfall?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

**4** OQ60011 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that local authorities are open and transparent with residents?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

**5** OQ60010 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that local authorities have the flexibility to undertake their statutory duties in a way that reflects local needs?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**6** OQ60007 (e)

What consideration is the Minister giving to the impact on children of any revised budget allocations for the 2023-24 financial year?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**7** OQ60025 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government about increasing the scope of the Welsh Government's borrowing powers?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

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**OQ60002 (e)**

What consideration has the Minister given to undertaking an independent review of the local government funding formula?

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

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**OQ60019 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to address budget pressures?

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

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**OQ60004 (e)**

How does the Welsh Government's local government funding formula support the less resilient areas in Wales, as set out in recent research by the Building Communities Trust?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ59997 (e)**

How do the Welsh Government's taxation policies support businesses?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

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**OQ60021 (w)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the use of virtual meetings by local government in Arfon?

## **MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD**

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

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**OQ60026 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the impact of the end of rural development programme funding in Mid and West Wales?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

2

**OQ59998 (e)**

How does the Welsh Government intend to legislate to improve the welfare of domestic animals?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**3** OQ60009 (e)

What progress has the Welsh Government made on increasing the amount of vegetables and fruit grown in Wales in the last year?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**4** OQ59996 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting farmers in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

**5** OQ60016 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the Welsh food and drink sector?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**6** OQ60017 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Habitat Wales Scheme?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

**7** OQ60001 (e)

What action is the Minister taking to ensure that North Wales receives a fair share of investment from the Welsh Government?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**8** OQ60023 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding updating the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

**9** OQ59994 (e)

What steps has the Welsh Government taken to protect the public from dog attacks?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**10** OQ60015 (w)

What discussions is the Minister having with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding health workforce development plans in Arfon?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

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**OQ59999 (e)**

What interventions is the Welsh Government making to support the food and drink sector in Wales?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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**OQ60030 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on eradicating bovine viral diarrhoea in Wales?