

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 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 Social Justice and Chief Whip (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 (30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip



[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Home Office announcement dropping plans to house asylum seekers at Stradey Park Hotel in Llanelli?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill to promote responsible dog ownership

(30 mins)

NDM8368 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to promote responsible dog ownership.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:
 - a) promote community safety following an increasing number of serious dog attacks across Wales including some tragic fatalities;
 - b) introduce guidance and regulations for anyone wishing to own certain dog breeds, whereby owners have to fulfil certain criteria to own a potentially dangerous dog;
 - c) consult with stakeholders to establish a definition of a potentially dangerous dog;
 - d) place a duty on local authorities to set up partnerships to administer the regulations and achieve a consistent pan-Wales approach; and
 - e) promote local and national initiatives aimed at improving animal welfare, improving public awareness and educating the public on responsible dog ownership.

Supporters:

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

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – HS2 consequential funding

(60 mins)

NDM8375 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that HS2 is an England-only project.
2. Regrets the UK Government's refusal to provide the full consequential funding Wales should receive as a result of HS2.
3. Equally regrets the UK Labour Party's refusal to agree that Wales should be provided with the full consequential funding.
4. Calls on the UK Government to right this wrong, and immediately provide the funding Wales is due, so that we can invest in infrastructure projects that this Senedd wishes to be prioritised, including the electrification of all railway lines in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Believes that Wales should receive consequential funding.

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

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to support a comprehensive programme of rail investment for Wales that will be developed and agreed by the joint UK and Welsh Government Wales Rail Board.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Mental health

(60 mins)

NDM8374 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Tuesday 10 October is World Mental Health Day.
2. Welcomes the establishment of the 24/7 NHS 111 Wales press 2 service.
3. Regrets that:

- a) self-harm is one of the top five causes of medical admissions and that suicide rates are increasing;
- b) the number of children waiting more than 4 weeks for a first mental health appointment in Wales is rising; and
- c) mental health is not treated with the same priority as physical health.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) introduce a new mental health act for Wales to improve access to mental health support and treatment for patients and their families and ensure that mental health has parity of esteem with physical health;
- b) ensure that spending on mental health and wellbeing services is increased in real terms annually to meet the demands placed on mental health services;
- c) commit to providing a dedicated in-patient eating disorder unit in Wales; and
- d) ensure that all public bodies in Wales offer mental health first aid training to staff.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Notes that:

- a) preventing suicide and self-harm remains a key priority for the Welsh Government;
- b) mental health continues to be the highest area of spending by the NHS in Wales.

Agrees that mental health should be treated with the same priority as physical health.

If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected.

Amendment 2 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 3:

there has been lack of education and understanding around mental health

Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Insert as new sub-points at end of point 4:

make perinatal mental health a priority in the Government's new Mental Health Strategy;

ensure that all professionals working with women in the perinatal period have the necessary knowledge and understanding of perinatal mental health;

ensure that every maternity service has a minimum whole-time equivalent Band 7 perinatal specialist midwife;

ensure that all maternity professionals are equally concerned with mental as well as physical health in pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal period.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8373 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

The impact of vaping across Wales.

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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 04/10/2023 for answer on 11/10/2023

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHIEF WHIP

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

1

OQ60076 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Period Proud Wales plan?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

2

OQ60046 (e)

What progress has been made in implementing the recommendations regarding the specific needs of women in Welsh prisons from the Equality and Social Justice Committee's report on women's experiences in the criminal justice system?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

3

OQ60081 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on fuel poverty in north Wales?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

4

OQ60049 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to strengthen the performance of fire and rescue services?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

5

OQ60039 (e) *Withdrawn*

What assessment has the Minister made of the effects that rising living costs will have on the residents of Rhondda this winter?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

6

OQ60078 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the work of the Veterans' Commissioner for Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

7

OQ60069 (e)

How will the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act help small businesses to tender for local authority work?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

8

OQ60059 (e)

How is the Minister supporting the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in her work?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

9

OQ60044 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's response to on-going changes in the Post Office network?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

10

OQ60050 (e)

How is the Government working with agencies to promote community safety by encouraging responsible dog ownership in South Wales East?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

11

OQ60066 (e)

What measures is the Welsh Government taking to tackle violence against women?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

12

OQ60043 (w)

How is the Welsh Government seeking to alleviate child poverty in Arfon?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

1

OQ60071 (e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on progress towards the devolution of justice to Wales?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

2

OQ60058 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of whether the current constitutional settlement is working to the benefit of Wales and the United Kingdom?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

3 OQ60065 (w)

How will the Counsel General ensure via legislation that Wales is better served by the Senedd?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

4 OQ60062 (e)

What consideration did the Counsel General give to including job sharing for Ministerial roles in the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

5 OQ60045 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for Climate Change about devolving full powers over water to Wales?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

6 OQ60048 (e)

What advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding the legal status of the Barnett formula in relation to HS2?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

7 OQ60051 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding its powers to control the use of fireworks?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

8 OQ60075 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the impact of live facial recognition surveillance deployments on the rights to privacy and freedom of expression of Welsh citizens?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

9 OQ60061 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill will have on the accountability of Members of the Senedd?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

10 OQ60063 (e)

How does the Counsel General monitor the impact of UK Government legislation on the ability of the Welsh Government to implement Welsh law?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

11

OQ60052 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with other law officers regarding the decline in immigration legal aid services in Wales over the last five years?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

12

OQ60057 (e)

How does the Counsel General promote greater transparency in inter-governmental engagement across the governments of the United Kingdom?

SENEDD COMMISSION

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

1

OQ60079 (e)

What are the anticipated costs of Senedd reform to the Senedd Commission?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

2

OQ60054 (e)

Does the Commission hold any information regarding the tax status of the owners of the Tŷ Hywel estate?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

3

OQ60070 (e)

What plans does the Commission have to increase the number of committee and meeting rooms that can accommodate meetings and events across the Senedd estate?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4

OQ60072 (e)

How is the Commission encouraging staff to lead healthy and more active lifestyles?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

5

OQ60077 (e)

What progress is the Commission making on decarbonising the Senedd estate?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

6

OQ60041 (e)

What support does the Commission provide to staff who are going through the menopause?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

7

OQ60056 (e)

Does the Senedd Commission compare its operational efficiency and cost-efficiency to equivalent bodies in other parliaments in the UK and elsewhere?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

8

OQ60084 (e)

What consideration has the Senedd Commission given to its ongoing dispute with the PCS union in preparing its draft budget for 2024-25?