

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 22 November 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 Economy

(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 Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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3 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

4 Debate on petition P-06-1356: Introduce comprehensive safety measures at the A477 'Fingerpost' junction

(30 mins)

NDM8408 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:



Notes the petition '[P-06-1356 Introduce comprehensive safety measures at the A477 'Fingerpost' junction](#)' which received 10,310 signatures.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Digital and AI technology in the NHS

(60 mins)

NDM8410 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Celebrates the advancement and use of innovative technologies by health services across the UK.
2. Welcomes the AI Safety Summit, the first ever global summit on AI, which took place on 1 and 2 November 2023.
3. Regrets that:
 - a) not all GP surgeries are using the Welsh NHS app;
 - b) e-prescribing has not been fully rolled out in the Welsh NHS; and
 - c) the technological infrastructure underpinning the Welsh NHS is creating barriers to clinical practice.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) urgently roll-out the NHS app and e-prescribing across the whole of the Welsh NHS;
 - b) accelerate the integration of digital and AI technologies for the Welsh NHS; and
 - c) begin the phasing out of outdated NHS technologies.

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Notes the importance of ensuring cross-UK working following the UK Government's recent AI safety summit to ensure the views of Wales are reflected in future decisions and actions.

Notes the importance of continuous development of Health and Social Care digital and technology services to ensure high quality care.

Welcomes:

- a) that over 200 GP practices are now using the NHS Wales App;
- b) the planned onboarding of all practices by the end of March 2024;
- c) the start of the rollout of a country-wide integrated prescription service, with the launch of the new Primary Care Electronic Prescription Service; and
- d) the health and social care sector's coordination on new and emerging technologies such as AI to help ensure their responsible, ethical, fair, and safe adoption.

6 Plaid Cymru Debate – The private rented sector

(60 mins)

NDM8409 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) the continued cost-of-living pressures being faced by renters;
- b) Wales's annual average rent rise of 13.9 per cent in 2021–22;
- c) Wales's further average rent rise of 6.5 per cent in 2022–23, with Shelter Cymru citing examples of 100 per cent rent increases; and
- d) that student rents take up 60 per cent of the average UK maintenance package, with 32 per cent of students studying in Wales unable to pay their rents.

2. Believes that no one in Wales should be put at risk of homelessness as a result of high inflation and a lack of affordable housing stock.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to immediately implement in the private sector:

- a) a rent freeze; and
- b) measures to ban evictions this winter.

[Shelter Cymru Response to the Welsh Government Green Paper consultation:](#)

[Securing a path towards adequate housing including fair rents and affordability](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the continued cost-of-living pressures being faced by renters.
2. Welcomes the commitment in the Programme for Government, as part of the Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru, to publish a White Paper setting out proposals on the potential to establish a system of fair rents as well as new approaches to make homes affordable for those on local incomes.
3. Welcomes the bold, ambitious and radical reform for the future set out in the White Paper on Ending Homelessness developed as part of the Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru.
4. Believes that no one in Wales should be put at risk of homelessness as a result of insufficient housing-related benefits.
5. Recognises the single biggest lever to address affordability issues in the private rented sector is Local Housing Allowance rates, and calls on UK Government to uplift rates to match the actual cost of rent.

[White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales](#)

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

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) urgently take action to turn Wales's thousands of empty properties back into homes;
- b) explore opportunities with the sector to stop the landlord exodus from the Welsh rental market;
- c) work with landlords and contract holders to prevent evictions over the winter months;
- d) deliver an action plan to build 12,000 houses a year; and

e) make a statement on the review of Rent Smart Wales.

7 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Finance and Local Government

[Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that the UK Government's Autumn Statement will have on Wales?

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8406 [Samuel Kurtz \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Safeguarding mistreated animals – providing the RSPCA with statutory powers

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 November 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 15/11/2023 for answer on 22/11/2023

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

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

1 OQ60278 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support the development of skills in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

2 OQ60273 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of permitted development rights on the tourism sector?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

3 OQ60290 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to jobseekers who are unable to access the UK Government's Restart Scheme because they have not been unemployed for nine months or more?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

4 OQ60267 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for supporting small businesses over the next twelve months?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

5 OQ60270 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's involvement in the Cardiff capital region city deal?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

6 OQ60289 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on grassroot sport clubs?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

7 OQ60262 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting workers following the closure of UK Windows and Doors Group factories in Rhondda?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

8 OQ60295 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure the success of the Celtic freeport?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

9 OQ60301 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the support being provided to stall holders at Bridgend indoor market?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

10 OQ60266 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the contribution of Japanese companies to the Welsh economy over the last 50 years?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

11 OQ60299 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government is supporting digital connectivity projects in North Wales?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

12 OQ60281 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's economic priorities for mid Wales?

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

1 OQ60298 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the adequacy of dental services?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ60286 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting people living with long COVID?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

3 OQ60271 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on winter pressures within the Welsh NHS?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

4 OQ60302 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on the health of the people of Islwyn?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5 OQ60292 (e)

How is the Welsh Government implementing the delivery of healthcare services closer to people's homes?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

6 OQ60276 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future availability of modulator therapies for cystic fibrosis patients in Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

7 OQ60282 (e) *Withdrawn*

What assessment has the Minister made of the availability and quality of social care provision in Wales?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

8 OQ60263 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the importance of volunteer-run breast cancer support organisations in south Wales?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

9 OQ60291 (e)

What steps is the Minister taking to reduce ambulance response times in South Wales West?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

10 OQ60294 (w)

What work has the Welsh Government done to develop a fair care system for Wales?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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OQ60268 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support cancer patients in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

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OQ60269 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the availability of therapies for children with cystic fibrosis in Denbighshire?