

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 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 Climate Change

(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 Education and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No topical questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



5 Statement by Sam Rowlands – Introduction of a Member Proposed Bill: Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

Supporting documents

[Residential Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill \(as introduced\)](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

6 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – Wales–Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age

(60 mins)

NDM8417 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee ‘Wales–Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 October 2023.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) on 22 November 2023.

7 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Operation of interim environmental protection measures 2022–23

(30 mins)

NDM8418 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on operation of the interim environmental protection measures 2022–23, [laid](#) on 21 September 2023.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 November 2023. The Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales [responded](#) on 30 October 2023.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Small businesses

(60 mins)

NDM8420 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Small Business Saturday will take place on 2 December 2023.
2. Recognises the vital contribution small businesses make in creating jobs, supporting communities and developing local economies.
3. Welcomes the Chancellor of the Exchequer's cuts to national insurance contributions, which will benefit the self-employed from April 2024.
4. Encourages communities to shop locally to support small businesses to grow and thrive.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) use all available levers it has to better support small businesses in Wales; and
 - b) continue to support small businesses through changes in procurement policy across the public sector.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Regrets the economic mismanagement of successive Chancellors in recent years which has caused preventable harm to small businesses who face higher energy and mortgage costs than many comparative economies.

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

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Regrets that the proposed cut to National Insurance will do little to alleviate the impact of fiscal drag on Welsh workers in the small business sector.

Further regrets that the Office of Budget Responsibility has downgraded its growth forecasts for the next two years, which will inhibit the prosperity of our SME sector.

Amendment 3 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Welcomes:

- a) the support provided to small businesses and entrepreneurs by the Welsh Government via services and initiatives such as Business Wales, the Development Bank of Wales and the Barriers to Start Up Grant; and
- b) the Welsh Government's approach to the everyday economy and the progress made in helping more small businesses win more contracts across Welsh public services.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8421 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

The importance of grass roots rugby in communities

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 22/11/2023 for answer on 29/11/2023

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

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

1 OQ60341 (e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to the recommendations of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales report, 'Preparing Wales for a Renewable Energy 2050'?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

2 OQ60312 (e)

How does the Welsh Government collaborate with external agencies when implementing the nature recovery plan?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

3 OQ60333 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on support for people in Arfon who have been negatively affected by the Arbed scheme?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

4 OQ60328 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure review, which was carried out in 2021?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ60335 (e)

What steps is the Minister taking to support the hydrogen sector in Wales?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

6 OQ60317 (e)

What work is the Welsh Government undertaking to minimise flood risks for residents in Denbighshire?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

7 OQ60315 (e)

How is the Welsh Government encouraging people to travel by train in north-east Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

8 OQ60321 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of grid infrastructure on residents in Mid and West Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

9 OQ60339 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting young people to engage more with nature?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

10 OQ60332 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding NHS Wales reducing its carbon emissions and working towards the net-zero ambition?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

11 OQ60344 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the contribution of game shooting to environmental conservation?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

12 OQ60329 (e)

What is the Government's strategy for dealing with toxic post-industrial sites?

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ60322 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of modern foreign language teaching in Mid and West Wales?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

2 OQ60325 (e)

What work is the Welsh Government undertaking to ensure good pupil attendance at schools in Denbighshire?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

3 OQ60326 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that schools teach learners about local history?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

4 OQ60334 (e)

How does the Welsh Government encourage schools to work with employers so that learners are better informed about potential future opportunities in the world of work?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

5 OQ60343 (e)

How is the Welsh Government alleviating the cost of the school day for families across north Wales?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

6 OQ60342 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of attendance rates in secondary schools in Islwyn?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

7 OQ60313 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that schools meet the communication needs of disabled pupils?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

8 OQ60331 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the teaching of modern languages in schools?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

9 OQ60314 (e)

How is the Welsh Government promoting the teaching of local history in primary schools?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

10 OQ60340 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the distribution of funding across primary and secondary education?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

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OQ60324 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to recruit more primary school teachers?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

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OQ60320 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of Welsh Government proposals to tackle the workload of staff working within the education sector?