

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

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)

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

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission (10 mins)

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4 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy



[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on developments regarding Gilestone Farm following the Written Statement issued on 29 January 2024?

To ask the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

[Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#): Will the Counsel General make a statement on the implications for Wales of the agreement to restore devolved government in Northern Ireland?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Motion under Standing Order 26.17(iii) in relation to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

(5 mins)

NDM8466 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.17(iii), agrees that Stage 2 proceedings of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill be considered by a Committee of the Whole Senedd.

[Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#)

7 Motion to amend Standing Orders – Limited review of Consolidation Bill procedures

(5 mins)

NDM8472 [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: Limited review of Consolidation Bill procedures', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 January 2024.

2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Order 26C, as set out in Annex A of the Business Committee's report.

8 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill to establish structured oversight of NHS managers

(30 mins)

NDM8434 [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to establish structured oversight of NHS managers, in the form of a regulatory body.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:
 - a) establish a professional regulatory body for NHS Wales to define the professional standards expected of NHS Wales managers and be a place of recourse for those who feel that those standards have not been met by any one individual NHS Wales manager, and which would have the power to warn, sanction or strike off any NHS Wales manager from its maintained register;
 - b) define what an NHS Wales manager is and maintain a register of NHS Wales managers; and
 - c) require all NHS managers to be registered with the professional regulatory body.

9 Debate on petitions P-06-1359 and P-06-1362 concerning support for childcare costs

(30 mins)

NDM8467 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following the petitions concerning support for childcare costs:

- a) petition '[P-06-1359 Offer Welsh working parents the same financial support for childcare as England](#)', which received 10,820 signatures; and
- b) petition '[P-06-1362 Match the new childcare offer in England of 15 hours for 2 year old's from April 2024](#)', which received 407 signatures.

10 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – International Relations: Annual Report 2022–23 – Postponed

(0 mins)

11 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – Behind the scenes: The creative industries workforce – Rescheduled from 24 January 2024

(60 mins)

NDM8458 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee ‘Behind the scenes: The creative industries workforce’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 October 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 January 2024.

12 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Business rates relief

(30 mins)

NDM8469 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that the Welsh Government is slashing business rates relief from 75 per cent to 40 per cent for the retail, hospitality and leisure sector in the 2024–2025 draft budget.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate business rates relief to 75 per cent for the retail, hospitality and leisure sector to support businesses and protect jobs.

Supporters

[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes that, despite its budget being worth £1.3 billion less in real terms than when it was set in 2021, the Welsh Government's 2024–25 Draft Budget:

a) provides a package of support for non-domestic rates worth £384 million;

b) limits inflationary growth in the non-domestic rates multiplier to 5 per cent;
and

c) provides a fifth successive year of non-domestic rates relief for retail, leisure and hospitality businesses, building on the almost £1 billion of support provided since 2020–21.

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

Amendment 2 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Further regrets the current UK Treasury funding settlement which takes no account of Wales's needs.

Amendment 3 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to move away from non-domestic rates, publish a timescale for their work, and ensure a roadmap to transition out of non-domestic rates is provided as well as options for a new system.

13 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Six Nations rugby broadcasting

(30 mins)

NDM8470 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the comments made by Sir John Whittingdale MP, Minister of State in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, that the UK Government would look at listed events again if the Welsh Parliament argued very strongly for that.
2. Calls on the UK Government to include Welsh six nations rugby games in the free-to-air category for broadcasting purposes.

14 Voting Time

15 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8468 [Sarah Murphy \(Bridgend\)](#)

Heart Failure – Innovation is saving lives

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 February 2024

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 24/01/2024 for answer on 31/01/2024

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHIEF WHIP

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1 OQ60590 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that the Equality Act 2010 is implemented to benefit disabled people in Wales?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ60612 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve digital inclusion in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

3 OQ60622 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting veterans to access public services?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

4 OQ60608 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of prepayment meters on fuel poverty?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

5 OQ60594 (e)

What consideration has the Minister given to the impact of the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales on social justice?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

6 OQ60599 (e)

How is the Welsh Government tackling child poverty in Mid and West Wales?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

7 OQ60597 (w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the link between poverty and the high level of smoking amongst pregnant women in Arfon?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

8 OQ60619 (e)
Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

9 OQ60604 (e)
How will the Welsh Government measure how the new Welsh Benefits Charter improves access to Welsh benefits?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

10 OQ60585 (e)
Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for food banks?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

11 OQ60610 (e)
Will the Minister provide an update on the impact of the Single Advice Fund in making advice services accessible to people who would not normally or had not previously used them?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

12 OQ60620 (e)
What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact that reduced Royal Mail letter deliveries could have on digitally excluded residents in Wales?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

1 OQ60616 (e)
What assessment has the Counsel General made of the number of Welsh residents impacted by the Post Office Horizon scandal?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

2 OQ60602 (e)
What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales's recommendations on the devolution of energy policy?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

3 OQ60615 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government regarding the Hillsborough Law Now campaign?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4 OQ60614 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's current position on the devolution of policing to Wales?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

5 OQ60593 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the devolution of policing and justice?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

6 OQ60588 (w)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure the devolution of justice and policing?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

7 OQ60627 (e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales's finding on the principle of legislative consent?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

8 OQ60624 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the impact of the Mental Health Act 1983 on Welsh patients using services in other UK nations?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

9 OQ60611 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government regarding the impact of facial recognition technology on justice in Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

10 OQ60603 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the possible impact of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill on voter turnout?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

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OQ60595 (e)

What consideration has the Counsel General given to the recommendations in the report of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales regarding the Sewel convention?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

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OQ60596 (e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the effectiveness of devolved government engagement in relations between the EU and the UK after Brexit?

SENEDD COMMISSION

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

1

OQ60606 (e)

What steps does the Commission take to ensure the public are educated about the role of the Senedd?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

2

OQ60626 (e)

What steps is the Commission taking to encourage schools in Vale of Clwyd to visit the Senedd?