

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 1 May 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 Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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

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#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language**

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement in response to the news that over 100 jobs with Everest are at risk of being lost in Rhondda Cynon Taf?



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

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on the Petitions Committee report – A Warmer Winter: P-06-1326 The Senedd should scrutinise the prepayment meter scandal in Wales**

(60 mins)

**NDM8559** [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee, 'A Warmer Winter: P-06-1326 The Senedd should scrutinise the prepayment meter scandal in Wales', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 November 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 April 2024.

#### **Supporting documents**

[Ofgem response to the Petitions Committee report](#)

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The Cass review**

(30 mins)

**NDM8563** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Cass review commissioned by NHS England to make recommendations on how to improve NHS gender identity services, which highlighted that there should be extreme caution in prescribing puberty blockers and hormones to under-18s due to a lack of high-quality research into their long-term effects.

2. Welcomes the fact that due to NHS England stopping puberty blockers, this has resulted in there being no pathway for under-18s in Wales to receive puberty blockers.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) adopt the recommendations of the Cass review; and

b) ensure that children and their parents are supported with common sense, fact-based guidance.

[The Cass Review – Independent review of gender identity services for children and young people](#)

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the publication of the Cass review.
2. Notes that NHS Wales commissions gender identity services for children and young people 17 and under from NHS England.
3. Notes that NHS England has concluded there is not enough evidence to support the safety or clinical effectiveness of puberty suppressing hormones for the treatment of gender dysphoria in children and young people at this time.
4. Notes the Welsh Government will continue to develop the transgender guidance for schools taking account of the Cass review and stakeholder views.

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets the absence of comprehensive specialist gender identity services in Wales.

Believes that every individual, whatever their gender identity, deserves respect, understanding and access to appropriate support services and healthcare.

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop gender identity services for young people in Wales.

**7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Leadership campaign donations and the ministerial code**

(30 mins)

**NDM8562** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the public concern regarding a potential breach of the Welsh Government's ministerial code in relation to donations received by the First Minister.
2. Notes that the First Minister received a £200,000 donation towards his Welsh Labour leadership campaign from the Dauson Environmental Group Limited following a £400,000 loan to the company from the Development Bank of Wales, and environment-related offences.
3. Calls on the First Minister to appoint an independent advisor to the ministerial code to investigate any conflict of interest that may exist in relation to the donation, with particular reference to points i and ii of paragraph 1.3 of the ministerial code.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the Welsh Government takes seriously the Ministerial Code and the responsibilities it places upon Welsh Ministers.
2. Notes that loan and investment decisions taken by the Development Bank of Wales are done so entirely independently of the Welsh Government.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets:

- a) that the First Minister has not returned the donation to Dauson Environmental; and
- b) that the Labour Party has not committed to returning any of the remaining donation from Dauson Environmental.

## **8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Cap on political donations**

(60 mins)

**NDM8561** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a donation of £200,000 made to the First Minister during the Welsh Labour leadership election, and its declaration on the Member's Register of Interests.
2. Believes that this donation does not meet with public approval.
3. Agrees that there should be an annual maximum cap on the political donations that any individual Member of the Senedd can receive from any individual or entity.
4. Calls on the Business Committee and the Standards of Conduct Committee to bring forward proposals for changes to the Senedd's Standing Orders and the Members' Code of Conduct that would put the cap into effect.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Members of the Senedd have a responsibility to declare interests on the Members' Register of Interests and to identify such declarations where relevant in written and oral contributions to Senedd Business.
2. Notes that members are also required to check that donations of £500 or more are from permissible donors and report full details of those over £2230 to the Electoral Commission.
3. Recognises that political parties, and their constituent governing bodies, are responsible for setting and monitoring compliance with rules which go beyond existing legal requirements.
4. Calls on the Standards of Conduct Committee to continue to ensure that the highest standards of conduct are observed by all Members.

## **9 Voting Time**

## 10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

**NDM8560** [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

Gaza – a Welsh response.

### Supporters

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

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 May 2024

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 24/04/2024 for answer on 01/05/2024

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY, ENERGY AND WELSH LANGUAGE

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

**1** OQ61017 (w)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Education regarding the progress of Welsh education provision in the valleys?

**Mark Drakeford** *Cardiff West*

**2** OQ61009 (d)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the reliability of ONS Labour Force Survey data in relation to Wales?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**3** OQ60998 (e)

What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to support the growth of the renewable energy sector in North Wales?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**4** OQ60992 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the economy in west Wales?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**5** OQ61021 (w)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the economic size and impact of Wales's cultural, arts and heritage sectors?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**6** OQ61015 (w)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to ensure that dentistry training arrangements in Wales produce a workforce that meets the linguistic needs of children and adults in Arfon?

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

**7** OQ61023 (e)

What are the Cabinet Secretary's expectations of companies providing tangible community benefits in relation to energy-production projects?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

**8** OQ61003 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's progress in implementing the Fair Work Commission's recommendations?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

**9** OQ61016 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve the energy sector supply chain in South Wales West?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

**10** OQ61019 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline how the cuts to the apprenticeship programme budget comply with the Welsh Government's socio-economic duty?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

**11** OQ61027 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure business funding is allocated responsibly?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

**12** OQ61028 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on his priorities for the economy in North Wales?

## **CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

**Mark Drakeford** *Cardiff West*

**1** OQ61008 (d)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on efforts to diversify the dental workforce?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**2** OQ60995 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to prevent disease through the promotion of healthy living?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

**3** OQ61025 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's progress in tackling NHS waiting lists?

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

**4** OQ61018 (e)

What workforce, training, and development planning has the Welsh Government undertaken for dentistry in Mid and West Wales?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

**5** OQ61026 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's strategy for improving healthcare provision in South Wales West?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**6** OQ61013 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that people with learning disabilities receive appropriate care in the community?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

**7** OQ61022 (e)

What support has the Welsh Government provided to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to increase online mental-health support for the people of Islwyn?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

**8** OQ61010 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on plans to develop a new multi-disciplinary healthcare centre in Holyhead?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**9** OQ61006 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the single unified safeguarding review and related processes?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**10** OQ61020 (e)

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to introducing a national brain tumour strategy?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

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**OQ61002 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government funding for mental-health services across Wales?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

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**OQ60997 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the actions to be taken over the rest of this Senedd term as part of the women's health plan?