

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 June 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 Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office

(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 Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No topical questions have been accepted

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



5 Motion under Standing Order 26.91 seeking the Senedd's agreement to introduce a Member Bill – British Sign Language (BSL) (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

NDM8599 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.91:

Agrees that Mark Isherwood MS may introduce a Bill to give effect to the information included in the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) published on 31 May 2024 under Standing order 26.91A.

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Women's healthcare – Postponed

(0 mins)

NDM8566 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets the normalisation of women's physical and emotional pain in their healthcare, as well as the expectation that pain is a regrettable but unavoidable aspect of women's health.

2. Believes that by consulting with gynaecologists, midwives and women's health groups, health professionals should aim to reduce situations where pain is expected and accepted as normal in NHS healthcare.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) strengthen the expectations for NHS services in the Quality Statement for women and girls' health;

b) establish a legal requirement for healthcare providers to regularly collect feedback from female patients about their experiences and satisfaction with the care they receive, especially in relation to gynaecological appointments, midwifery and postnatal services, perinatal mental health and menopause; and

c) introduce statutory obligations for the development, coordination and implementation of the Women's Health Plan developed by the Welsh NHS and consulted on with gynaecologists, midwives and women's health groups, which

should include measures to address and counter the normalisation of pain in women's healthcare.

Co-submitters

[Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

Supporters

[Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#)

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

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

[Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Chepstow bypass

(30 mins)

NDM8618 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the benefits of bypasses in supporting local economies and easing congestion.
2. Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to provide funding to Monmouthshire County Council to develop plans for a Chepstow bypass.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government, Monmouthshire County Council and Gloucestershire County Council to deliver a Chepstow bypass.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the issues with congestion in Chepstow.
2. Recognises the need for an integrated, attractive and sustainable transport network which supports growth in the area.
3. Supports the Welsh Government's approach of working in partnership with Transport for Wales, Monmouthshire County Council and Gloucestershire County Council to consider options to improve the road network, public transport provision and active travel provision to improve travel in Chepstow.

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

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

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Believes that infrastructural developments should be undertaken in full consultation with communities and in line with communities' stated needs.

Calls on the Welsh Government to work to deliver new infrastructure to ease congestion in line with these principles, including in delivering a third Menai crossing, and bypasses in Llandeilo and Chepstow.

Calls on the next UK Government to deliver a fair funding settlement for Wales, and the £4 billion in consequential owed to Wales from HS2, to provide the funding needed to improve transport infrastructure and road infrastructure in Wales to ease congestion.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Nuclear

(30 mins)

NDM8617 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Celebrates the role nuclear power plays in creating well-paid and high-skilled jobs, whilst delivering cheaper, cleaner and more secure energy, working towards net-zero targets.

2. Welcomes the UK Government's continued commitment to the UK's trident deterrent.

3. Further welcomes the UK Government's commitment to deliver a new gigawatt power plant at Wylfa in North Wales and work with industry to deliver existing projects at Hinkley Point and Sizewell.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to expand nuclear power in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the role that nuclear power plays alongside renewables in the Welsh Government's plans for a green and fair transition to a low-carbon economy, ensuring all new power generated in Wales is zero emission.

2. Calls on the incoming UK Government to work in partnership with the Welsh Government to fully explore all options for a new station at Wylfa and future opportunities for Trawsfynydd, recognising the critical importance of collaboration in relation to relevant devolved powers.

3. Welcomes the proactive role of the Welsh Government, working with the UK Government, industry and partners, to support nuclear power in Wales in order to maximise the socio-economic benefits for Wales.

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

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd

1. Celebrates that Wales has the natural resources to be at the forefront of the production of clean, renewable energy.

2. Believes that, properly funded, the proposed redevelopment of the Wylfa site could generate high-skilled jobs for Ynys Mon.

3. Calls on the next UK Government to:

a) devolve full powers over the Crown Estate to Wales, to ensure that our communities are able to fully benefit from offshore renewable energy developments as viable alternatives to new nuclear power stations; and

b) ensure that the development of the Wylfa site is fully aligned with the needs of the local community.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8590 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Allied Steel and Wire workers and pension justice.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 12/06/2024 for answer on 19/06/2024

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE, CONSTITUTION AND CABINET OFFICE

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

1

OQ61284 (w)

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to using Government borrowing powers for building social housing?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

2

OQ61290 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's policy on its acquisition, use and sale of property?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

3

OQ61271 (e)

What consideration did the Cabinet Secretary give to addressing youth homelessness when preparing the 2024-25 Welsh Government draft budget?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

4

OQ61264 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Wales Tourism Alliance about the implementation of the visitor levy?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

5

OQ61289 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the administration of Welsh Government grants awarded to organisations in Cynon Valley?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

6

OQ61275 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of legal aid cuts, as highlighted in the report of the Commission on Justice in Wales?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

7

OQ61280 (e)

What representations has the Cabinet Secretary made to the UK Government regarding increasing prudential borrowing powers for Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

8

OQ61268 (e)

How is the Welsh Government implementing the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

9

OQ61286 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the need to devolve powers over policing to Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

10

OQ61265 (e)

What progress has been made on the work by the Welsh Government and the ONS on the coherence of Welsh language statistics between the census and other surveys?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

11

OQ61273 (e)

What forward plans does the Welsh Government have for its portfolio of property and other assets?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

12

OQ61282 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the visitor levy on mid-Wales businesses?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

1

OQ61266 (d)

How does the Government ensure that any projects it funds do not impact negatively on the local environment?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

2

OQ61277 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage the use of technology in farming?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

3

OQ61272 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of water security in Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

4

OQ61281 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans to eradicate bovine TB in mid Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5

OQ61269 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's policy on increasing the amount of wildlife on farms?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

6

OQ61267 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on staff capacity issues at Natural Resources Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

7

OQ61288 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working to deliver an approach to afforestation that works with and for local communities?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

8

OQ61274 (e) *Withdrawn*

What measures has the Welsh Government taken to ensure the protection of the Gwent Levels?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

9

OQ61279 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the agricultural sector in South Wales East?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

10

OQ61276 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to tackle microplastics in Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

11

OQ61287 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking this year to prevent industrial pollution from affecting communities?