

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 10 January 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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Urgent Question

To the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-Being and Sport:

Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement regarding comments made by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine that ‘emergency care in Wales is in a state of crisis’?

2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)



3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport: Consultation on the Draft Dementia Strategic Action Plan for Wales

(45 mins)

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs: Avian Influenza

(30 mins)

Supporting document

[Letter to Assembly Members from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport: The New Treatment Fund

(45 mins)

6 Debate: The Final Budget 2017-18

(60 mins)

NDM6192 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25, approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2017-18 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government on 20 December 2016.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20.28, the Annual Budget comprises the following information:

- 1. the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006*
- 2. the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;*
- 3. a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;*
- 4. a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion; and*
- 5. a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c).*

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- an Explanatory Note on changes between Draft Budget proposals and the Annual Budget.*

Supporting Documents

[The Annual Budget for the financial year 2017-18](#)
[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

7 Debate: The General Principles of the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

NDM6193 [Mark Drakeford \(Cardiff West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill.

The Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were [laid](#) before the Assembly on 12 September 2016.

The report of the [Finance Committee](#) on the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Assembly on 20 December 2016.

Supporting Documents

[The Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes \(Wales\) Bill Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

8 Debate on the Financial Resolution on the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill

(5 mins)

NDM6194 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

9 Voting time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 11 January 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 5 January 2017 for answer on 10 January 2017

R – Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W – Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self-identifying question no. shown in brackets)

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To ask the [First Minister](#)

1. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): Will the First Minister outline his proposals for supporting economic growth during 2017 in South Wales West? OAQ(5)0350(FM)
2. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for children and young people in Torfaen? OAQ(5)0355(FM)
3. [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of regional economic development in achieving the government's target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050? OAQ(5)0352(FM)W
4. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): What recent discussions has the First Minister had with Cabinet Secretaries regarding the Environment and Sustainability Committee of the fourth Assembly's report 'A Smarter Energy Future for Wales'? OAQ(5)0347(FM)
5. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on primary care provision? OAQ(5)0345(FM)
6. [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What plans does the Welsh Government have to encourage Welsh consumers to buy Welsh-produced goods and services? OAQ(5)0357(FM)
7. [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the outbreak of avian flu in Wales? OAQ(5)0351(FM)
8. [Mohammad Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities for improving health services in 2017? OAQ(5)0348(FM)

9. [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the First Minister clarify what support the Welsh Government will provide for veterans and their families in 2017? OAQ(5)0360(FM)
10. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What agreement exists between the Welsh Government and the UK Government regarding an agri-environment framework post-Brexit? OAQ(5)0359(FM)W
11. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government helping people in fuel poverty in Wales? OAQ(5)0353(FM)
12. [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the New Sandfields Afan initiative? OAQ(5)0349(FM)
13. [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government about immigration policies and controls for Wales? OAQ(5)0364(FM)
14. [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's financial contribution to road infrastructure in South Wales West? OAQ(5)0354(FM)
15. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans for transport infrastructure improvements in South Wales West during 2017? OAQ(5)0363(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

Plenary agendas are published a week in advance of a meeting, and can be found on the [Plenary meetings page](#)

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: The Fiscal Framework (45 mins)
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Wales Bill (90 mins)
- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Schemes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (15 mins)
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: The Local Government Settlement 2017–18 (60 mins)

Wednesday 18 January 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: The Trade Union (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

Assembly Business

- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (120 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Julie Morgan (Cardiff North) (30 mins)

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children: Working Together for Safer Communities (30 mins)
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Digital Economy Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: The Annual Report on Equality 2015–16, including the Welsh Ministers' Interim Report on Equality 2016 (60 mins)
- Debate: Working with communities to create better local environments (60 mins)

Wednesday 25 January 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure (45 mins)
- Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Statement by the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee: Future inquiries and engagement work (30 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Russell George (Montgomeryshire) (30 mins)

Tuesday 31 January 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- The Education Workforce Council (Registration Fees) Regulations 2017 (15 mins)
- The Welsh Language Standards (No. 6) Regulations 2017 (15 mins)
- Debate: Violence against Women and Domestic Abuse (60 mins)

Wednesday 1 February 2017

Government Business

- Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs (45 mins)
- Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's report on its inquiry into winter preparedness 2016/17 (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Nick Ramsay (Monmouth) (30 mins)



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22 December 2016

Dear Assembly Members

AVIAN INFLUENZA CONFIRMED IN A WILD BIRD IN CARMARTHENSHIRE

I have previously written to you informing you of my decision to declare the whole of Wales as an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone requiring the housing of poultry and captive wild birds and subsequently the introduction of a temporary suspension on gatherings of poultry.

I now wish to inform you that the Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales has the finding of confirmed Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 in a wild duck in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire.

This is the same strain of the disease that was confirmed at a turkey farm in Lincolnshire on Friday (16th December) and which has been reported in wild, captive and domestic birds many European countries, the Middle East and North Africa.

The duck, a wigeon, was found dead and submitted for testing. This morning it has been confirmed it tested positive for the Highly Pathogenic H5N8 strain of the avian influenza virus.

The confirmation of the disease in this wild bird follows the introduction of a Prevention Zone in Wales on the 6th December, which requires all keepers of poultry and other captive birds to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate, and protect them, from wild birds.

Earlier this week steps were taken to further protect poultry and captive birds by introducing a temporary suspension on gatherings of poultry.

Biosecurity should never be compromised. Even when birds are housed, there remains a risk of infection and keepers of poultry and other captive birds should ensure that every effort is made to prevent contact with wild birds. The movement of poultry should be minimized, and clothing and equipment should always be disinfected

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The H5N8 strain is highly pathogenic for birds but there have been no reports of human infection. The risk to human health is very low and the Food Standards Agency has confirmed it is safe to eat poultry meat such as turkey, goose and chicken.

I would encourage all poultry keepers, including those with fewer than 50 birds, to provide details of their flocks to the [Poultry Register](#). This will ensure they can be contacted immediately in the event of an avian disease outbreak so that they can take action to protect their flock at the earliest opportunity.

Further details, including the measures applying in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone, can be found on the Welsh Government website [here](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish under the 'y'.

Lesley Griffiths AC/AM

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Amgylchedd a Materion Gwledig
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs