

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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

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3 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To the [Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport](#):



[Eluned Morgan \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What assurances can the Cabinet Secretary give that the IT infrastructure in Wales is protected, to ensure the continuity of care for Welsh patients following the cyber-attacks in the NHS in England?

To the [Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs](#):

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the 1,761 Glastir applications that have still not been paid?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal

(30 mins)

NDM6301 [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for an amendment to the Housing Act (Wales) 2014.
2. Notes that the purpose of the amendment would be to outlaw the practice of landlords advertising properties for free rent in return for sexual favours.

[‘Housing Act \(Wales\) 2014’](#)

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

NDM6305 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the multitude of risks which children face using the internet.
2. Notes the immense importance of taking action to ensure children are kept safe online, and educating them as to the steps they should be taking to help protect themselves when using the internet.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline a comprehensive response to concerns raised by the NSPCC, regarding an increase in related calls they have received about internet safety.

4. Further calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that prioritisation of online safety is integral to all strategies aiming to deliver safer communities for children across Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point after point 1 and re-number accordingly:

Notes the importance of a digitally literate Wales, and that encouraging safe internet use is an essential part of a child's education.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK government to work with the relevant companies to tackle online abuse, noting in particular the abuse experienced by women and minority groups.

7 Plaid Cymru debate

(30 mins)

NDM6308 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes continuing difficulties with the training and recruiting of medical staff (including doctors) in many parts of Wales, particularly rural and north Wales.

2. Calls for the development of a medical school in Bangor as part of an all-Wales approach to increasing training, recruitment and retention of doctors in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes the Welsh Government's This is Wales: Train Work Live recruitment campaign to encourage healthcare professionals, including doctors, to choose Wales as a place to train, work and live.

2. Notes:

a) there has been a 19 per cent increase in the application rate for GP speciality training in 2017 and the number of filled GP training places is at 84 per cent compared to 68 per cent at the same stage in 2016 following the launch of This is Wales: Train Work Live;

b) there were more than 1,000 more full-time equivalent consultants working in Wales in 2016 than there were in 1999; and

c) there has been a 12 per cent increase in the number of GPs working in Wales between 1999 and 2016.

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with health and education institutions on both sides of the border to build a more in-depth and wide-ranging north Wales medical programme.

8 Plaid Cymru debate

(30 mins)

NDM6310 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Gross Value-Added per head in the central valleys and Gwent valleys NUTS2 areas is consistently below the Welsh average.

2. Notes that unemployment in most south Wales valleys local authorities is above the Welsh average.

3. Notes that insecure work, low wages and poverty are significant problems in the south Wales valleys.

4. Notes a record of under-investment in the south Wales valleys by the Welsh and UK Governments.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) create a suitably empowered and accountable Valleys Development Agency;

b) bring forward a positive decision on the Circuit of Wales project, subject to normal due diligence; and

c) give greater priority to investment in jobs and infrastructure in the valleys.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the impact of the UK Government's ongoing programme of austerity on communities in the south Wales valleys and the rest of Wales, and calls on the next Westminster government to invest in more balanced economic growth across the UK.

2. Supports the aim of the Welsh Government to make Wales a fair work nation where everyone can access better jobs closer to home.

3. Notes the work of the Welsh Government in:

a) supporting nearly 150,000 jobs in the last Assembly term, many of which were in valley communities;

b) preparing a new approach to economic development to stimulate stronger regional growth;

c) planning major infrastructure investments in the valleys and across Wales in a way which supports more resilient regional economies and strengthens local supply chains;

- d) setting up a Ministerial Taskforce for the South Wales Valleys working with local communities to attract new jobs, raise skills and improve local services;
- e) developing a Better Jobs Closer to Home programme using procurement levers to stimulate the creation of meaningful employment in areas of economic need, such as the valleys; and
- f) establishing a Fair Work Commission to help build an economy where more people in valley communities and across Wales can access good work and a secure income.

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

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the work that the UK Government is doing to develop both the Swansea and Cardiff City regions, which will offer numerous supply-chain opportunities for the south Wales valleys.

9 United Kingdom Independence Party debate

(60 mins)

NDM6309 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that, whilst there is a case to support humanitarian and emergency aid to poorer countries especially in specific crises, it makes no sense to fix the foreign aid budget at an arbitrary 0.7 per cent of gross national income (GNI).
2. Notes that the UK national debt has been doubled since 2009 and now stands at £1.6 trillion, which equates to £22,000 for every UK man, woman and child.
3. Believes that the wellbeing of future generations must be considered when making all public spending decisions and that the foreign aid budget should be evaluated by the UK Government in the context of other pressing needs at home.

4. Calls for the repeal of the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015, which enshrined the 0.7 per cent target figure in UK law.

5. Believes that much of the foreign aid budget is wasted, diverted by corruption and spent unproductively.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to urge the UK Government to reduce foreign aid target spending to 0.2 per cent of GNI, which is similar to the US, Italian and Spanish aid budgets.

7. Believes that the £8 billion savings which would be released should be redirected proportionately to the UK nations and spent on deserving causes like the NHS or social housing.

[‘International Development \(Official Development Assistance Target\) Act 2015’](#)

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the importance of international aid in alleviating human suffering.
2. Supports Wales's contribution to humanitarian projects through initiatives such as Wales for Africa.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and publish a comprehensive international policy for Wales including enhancing the nation's international aid activities.

10 Voting time

11 Short Debate – MOVED TO 16 MAY

NDM6307 [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

Electrical fires – an increasing threat in today's technological age.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 May 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 10 May 2017 for answer on 17 May 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 Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure

1. **Caroline Jones (South Wales West)**: What economic support is the Welsh Government providing to ensure we have thriving high street businesses in Wales? OAQ(5)0167(EI)
2. **Hannah Blythyn (Delyn)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on commemorating our industrial heritage in Wales? OAQ(5)0166(EI)
3. **Hefin David (Caerphilly)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on access to cultural and heritage attractions in the Caerphilly area?
OAQ(5)0170(EI) **WITHDRAWN**
4. **Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)**: What plans does Transport for Wales have for relieving congestion to the east of Cardiff? OAQ(5)0159(EI)
5. **Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on superfast broadband provision in Mid and West Wales?
OAQ(5)0164(EI)
6. **Steffan Lewis (South Wales East)**: What impact has recent currency fluctuations had on Welsh exports? OAQ(5)0168(EI)
7. **Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on support for small businesses in Wales? OAQ(5)0171(EI)W
8. **Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on support for businesses in the tourism industry in north Wales?
OAQ(5)0165(EI)
9. **Eluned Morgan (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how rural Wales can boost its economy? OAQ(5)0172(EI)
10. **Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore)**: What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the potential for improvements to the rail service on the Maesteg to Cardiff rail line? OAQ(5)0163(EI)
11. **John Griffiths (Newport East)**: What policy will the Welsh Government follow to support city centre businesses in Wales? OAQ(5)0160(EI)

12. [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on apprenticeships in Wales? OAQ(5)0169(EI) **WITHDRAWN**
13. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on when he expects to make a decision on the Circuit of Wales? OAQ(5)0161(EI)
14. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on his policies for boosting economic growth in south-east Wales? OAQ(5)0162(EI)
15. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the next stage of dualling of the A465 from Dowlais Top to Hirwaun? OAQ(5)0173(EI)

To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport](#)

1. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on progress the Welsh Government is making in reducing waiting times for diagnostic tests? OAQ(5)0170(HWS)
2. [Eluned Morgan \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Welsh Government aims to provide the health service the people of Wales need in light of current economic challenges? OAQ(5)0172(HWS)
3. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What discussions have taken place between the Cabinet Secretary and the UK Government regarding the effects of air pollution on public health? OAQ(5)0165(HWS)**W**
4. [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the provision of mental health services and support in north Wales? OAQ(5)0169(HWS)
5. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that patients receive diagnostic tests and treatment within target times? OAQ(5)0161(HWS)
6. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on access to mental health services in Wales? OAQ(5)0160(HWS)
7. [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact that the Champions League final will have on the national strategy for community sport? OAQ(5)0167(HWS)
8. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities to improve health outcomes in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(5)0168(HWS)

9. [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on bowel cancer diagnosis waiting times in Wales? OAQ(5)0171(HWS)
WITHDRAWN

10. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's policies for improving nutrition in Welsh hospitals? OAQ(5)0163(HWS)

11. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement regarding the importance of lifestyle in promoting good health? OAQ(5)0164(HWS)

12. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on his priorities for the NHS in south-east Wales? OAQ(5)0162(HWS)

13. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on mental health services in North Wales? OAQ(5)0159(HWS)W

14. [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on NHS waiting times in South Wales Central? OAQ(5)0166(HWS)

15. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what the Welsh Government is doing to improve health services in west Wales? OAQ(5)0157(FM)