

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

(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 Communities and Children

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were tabled.



4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Assessment for Learning – a distinct Welsh approach

(30 mins)

6 Statement by the Counsel General: Consultation on the Welsh Government Prosecution Code

(30 mins)

7 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Postponed until 14 June

8 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

NDM6316 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the UK Prime Minister's commitment to scrap tolls on the Severn Crossings which will deliver a £100m boost to the Welsh economy.
2. Recognises the need for a north Wales growth deal and its importance for future prosperity in the region.
3. Notes the importance of developing similar regional deals for rural communities in mid Wales to ensure our country works for everyone.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the leadership role of the Welsh Government in working with other parties to scrap tolls on the Severn Crossings which will deliver a £100m boost to the Welsh economy.
2. Notes the Prime Minister's U-turn in supporting abolition of the Severn tolls.
3. Recognises the commitment of the Welsh Government to working with the UK Government and partners on all sides to deliver the North Wales Growth deal and ensure sustainable transport links into all parts of Wales.
4. Notes that the removal of tolls is just one part of the Welsh Government's plan to increase economic growth and improve the transport system in Wales, which includes work underway to decarbonise the transport network in line with the obligations of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

[‘Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015’](#)

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

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

Add as new point 3 and re-number accordingly:

Recognises the urgent priority of electrification of the North Wales Coast Line, the South Wales Main Line and the Valleys Lines and their importance for future prosperity of their respective regions.

Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to come to a positive decision on funding for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon to ensure economic growth in that area.

Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consult with Pembrokeshire County Council to abolish tolls on the Cleddau Bridge in Pembrokeshire as an economic boost to the area.

9 Plaid Cymru debate – Withdrawn

10 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6318 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Plaid Cymru's Programme of Opposition and the commitment to establish a national energy company, Ynni Cymru.
2. Notes the research paper by Simon Thomas on proposals to create Ynni Cymru.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish Ynni Cymru, which will run as a not for dividend company at arms-length from Welsh Government, investing profits in improved client service and prices.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to investigate creating a network of local energy grids.

['Plaid Cymru's Programme for Opposition'](#)

['Ynni Cymru – Power for Wales'](#)

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's long-held commitment to:

- a) use energy as efficiently as possible;
 - b) reduce reliance on energy generated from fossil fuels; and
 - c) actively manage the transition to a low carbon economy to deliver maximum benefits for Wales and protect the most vulnerable.
2. Recognises the contribution of Welsh Government-funded programmes, such as Warm Homes, Nest and Arbed, Local Energy, Green Growth Wales and the Smart Living programme in stimulating and supporting the early transition to a low carbon economy.
3. Recognises the Welsh Government's role in supporting innovative energy generation, such as the community-led Bethesda local energy selling pilot, the mine water scheme in Bridgend and collaboration with industry and academia.
4. Notes the Welsh Government has held a series of public meetings across Wales to discuss proposals for an energy company for Wales.

11 Voting time

12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6315 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

Defending Wales for the next generation.

The current unprecedented challenges facing Wales, including the relationship with the rest of the world, economic inequality, and the need for urgent and positive action in terms of improving outcomes for the next generation.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 June 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 17 May 2017 for answer on 24 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 the Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

1. [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#): What assurances will the Cabinet Secretary give to ensure that the environmental protections in place under EU legislation, particularly the nature directives, will be maintained in Wales following Brexit? OAQ(5)0140(ERA)
2. [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to address the fruit and vegetable deficit in Wales? OAQ(5)0150(ERA)
3. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the progress being made to improve air quality across Wales? OAQ(5)0147(ERA)
4. [Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Welsh Government's plans to reduce littering? OAQ(5)0146(ERA)
5. [Michelle Brown \(North Wales\)](#): What are the Welsh Government's intentions for the governance of inland and coastal fishing post-Brexit? OAQ(5)0149(ERA) **WITHDRAWN**
6. [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): What is the Welsh Government's strategy for improving the ecological footprint of Wales's urban environments? OAQ(5)0144(ERA)
7. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the flood risk of the river Tawe? OAQ(5)0137(ERA)
8. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on actions the Welsh Government is taking to support the sustainability of environmental businesses in Wales? OAQ(5)0139(ERA)
9. [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on improving animal welfare in Wales? OAQ(5)0148(ERA)

10. [Eluned Morgan \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to prepare for the withdrawal of funding from the 2020 Rural Development Plan? OAQ(5)0151(ERA)
11. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary outline how the Welsh Government is supporting people in fuel poverty? OAQ(5)0138(ERA)
12. [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways in Wales? OAQ(5)0141(ERA)
13. [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the data released by the TB dashboard? OAQ(5)0143(ERA)
14. [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact that the wider use of electrical cars will have on air pollution in Wales? OAQ(5)0145(ERA)W
15. [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on efforts to tackle Japanese knotweed in Wales? OAQ(5)0136(ERA)

To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children](#)

1. [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide a statement on the progression of the childcare offer for Wales? OAQ(5)0148(CC)
2. [Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on plans to mitigate the negative impact of current and future reform of social security? OAQ(5)0146(CC)
3. [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Welsh Government embeds in its work the principles set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child? OAQ(5)0145(CC)
4. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government meeting the accommodation needs for the Gypsy and Traveller community? OAQ(5)0142(CC)
5. [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the homelessness situation in Wales? OAQ(5)0155(CC)
WITHDRAWN
6. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of adverse childhood experiences in driving Welsh Government policy on children? OAQ(5)0150(CC)

7. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West)**: What action is the Cabinet Secretary taking to prevent children in Wales from suffering adverse childhood experiences? OAQ(5)0147(CC)
8. **David Melding (South Wales Central)**: What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the Children's Commissioner's Hidden Ambitions report? OAQ(5)0144(CC)
9. **Eluned Morgan (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the building of new homes in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(5)0152(CC)
10. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Supporting People programme? OAQ(5)0141(CC)
11. **Jayne Bryant (Newport West)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's plan for regeneration in Newport? OAQ(5)0153(CC)
12. **Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)**: Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the current level of Communities First activity in Cardiff? OAQ(5)0154(CC)
13. **Hannah Blythyn (Delyn)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government support for post office services in Wales? OAQ(5)0151(CC)
14. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**: What are the Welsh Government's housing priorities for Pembrokeshire for the next twelve months? OAQ(5)0140(CC)
15. **Nathan Gill (North Wales)**: Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on foster carers in North Wales? OAQ(5)0143(CC)