

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(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 Services

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services:

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): Given the recently released new house building figures for Wales, will the Cabinet Secretary confirm why the number of new homes built in Wales each year is shrinking?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Finance:



[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the reasons why the starting threshold for land transaction tax will increase for the residential main rates when the tax is devolved in April 2018?

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the introduction of a permanent small business rates relief scheme for Wales, following its announcement today through a written statement?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee report: Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies

(60 mins)

NDM6611 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, 'Branching out: a new ambition for woodland policies', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 28 July 2017.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 20 September 2017.

Supporting documents

[Correspondence between the Chair and Welsh Government](#)

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

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

[Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

[Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

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

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of a modern public transport network to relieve pressure on Wales's road network.
2. Notes the evidence that a fully integrated public transport system – including active travel – is needed to provide a practical and attractive alternative to car use.
3. Welcomes the commitment to the first stages of a south Wales metro.
4. Endorses the commitment to develop a vision for a north–east Wales metro, and the allocation of funding for the development of a strategic outline case for a Swansea Bay metro, and calls on the Welsh Government to identify funding for full feasibility studies as a next step.
5. Believes Transport for Wales must have the power to act as a development corporation – with the ability to capitalise on rising land values in areas close to metro stations – in order to lever in further funding to expand the metro network.

7 United Kingdom Independence Party debate

(60 mins)

NDM6612 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that modular housing can be used as an innovative component in addressing Wales's housing needs.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) undertake a review of the planning process to remove red tape and barriers to individuals who wish to build their own modular home;
 - b) establish a housing development corporation to acquire brownfield sites at existing use value and using compulsory purchase if necessary, where such sites have been undeveloped for three years or more; and
 - c) develop a register of such sites and give priority on development to small-scale modular housing schemes, to incentivise individuals who wish to build their own home.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Recognises:

- a) the Welsh Government's decision to start building new models of housing in 2017–18 through its Innovative Housing Programme;
- b) that, of the 22 schemes approved for funding under the programme this year, 7 will be built using modular techniques with programme support totalling £5.6 million;
- c) that a further £71 million will be available between 2018–19 and 2019–20 for the programme to build even more homes;

d) the welcome extension of the Property Development Fund to £40 million which will support SMEs to build more homes including modular housing and help to bring forward housing sites at an increased rate.

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

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

In point 2, delete sub-point b) and replace with:

'examine incentives for local authorities and public agencies to identify brownfield sites that are suitable for development.'

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6610 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

The construction industry in Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 9 January 2018