

## Agenda – Plenary

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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:



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[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)

NDM6572

[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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 06/12/2017 for answer on 13/12/2017

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

### Cabinet Secretary for Education

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

1 OAQ51455

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure that vulnerable groups in Wales have access to employability programmes?

**Neil Hamilton** *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ51459

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Student Finance Wales?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

3 OAQ51471

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on when the additional learning needs code will be published?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

4 OAQ51462 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on home-schooled children?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

5 OAQ51466

How is the Welsh Government encouraging the development of strong links between universities and schools in Wales?

**Sian Gwenllïan** *Arfon*

6 OAQ51477 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What schemes does the Welsh Government have in place to contribute to its target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

7 OAQ51456

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the number of school leavers not entering education, employment or training in South Wales West?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

8 OAQ51469

What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to promote school governorships and the filling of vacant governor posts within the education system in Wales?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**9 OAQ51453**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve education in Pembrokeshire?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**10 OAQ51443**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Estyn inspections in Wales?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

**11 OAQ51483**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government policy on tertiary education in Wales?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

**12 OAQ51448**

What funding support does the Welsh Government give to Welsh universities to enable them to support the business sector in Wales?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**13 OAQ51457**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the education improvement grant for schools?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

**14 OAQ51463**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the current measures that are in place for student safeguarding in Wales?

## **Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services**

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

**1 OAQ51478**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on ambulance response times in South Wales West?

**Neil McEvoy** *South Wales Central*

**2 OAQ51465**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of mesh implants in Wales?

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

**3 OAQ51479**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on waiting times for children and adolescent mental health services?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**4 OAQ51480** [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on GP training in North Wales?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

**5 OAQ51458**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of Welsh-medium mental health services?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

6 OAQ51451

What further action will the Welsh Government take to reduce the risk of people in Wales suffering a stroke?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

7 OAQ51452

What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage the shift in resources from secondary to primary health care?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

8 OAQ51485

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on ensuring that GP care is fit for the 21st century?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

9 OAQ51481 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on new health and social care centres in North Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

10 OAQ51470

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the European Union working time directive applies to NHS staff?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

11 OAQ51467

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on guidance issued for the treatment of pelvic organ prolapse and incontinence?

**Steffan Lewis** *South Wales East*

12 OAQ51473 [Withdrawn](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on ambulance response times in south-east Wales?

**Simon Thomas** *Mid and West Wales*

13 OAQ51472 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on hospital services for Powys residents?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

14 OAQ51444

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on efforts to prevent type-2 diabetes in Wales?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

15 OAQ51450

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on complications caused by mesh implants in Wales?