

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 3.

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's £2.5 million investment in TVR?



4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

NDM6630 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Mandy Jones (Independent) as a Member of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal

(30 mins)

NDM6576 [Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Welsh Continuation Bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to affirm the continuation in Welsh law of all areas previously a matter of EU law that fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with the Wales Act 2017.

Supporters:

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

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

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

NDM6565

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#)

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

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that there is clinical evidence of the effectiveness of cannabis for medicinal purposes.
2. Recognises that, whilst Wales is the only nation in the UK where the cannabinoid symptom management drug Sativex is available on the NHS, it is only licensed for the treatment of spasticity and only then available to a small group of people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) who meet the criteria.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government should ask the UK Government to reschedule cannabis for medicinal purposes; and, in preparation for this outcome, the Welsh Government should map out within the Welsh NHS how a system whereby cannabis for medicinal purposes could be made available via a prescription to those who could benefit.
4. Notes that:
 - a) many people living with conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis, Dystonia, Epilepsy and Cancer in Wales use illegally obtained cannabis for medicinal purposes but by doing so risk prosecution and are also being exposed to other drugs;
 - b) the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Drug Policy Reform in the House of Commons emphatically called on the UK Government to legalise medical cannabis based on the results of their 7 month inquiry into the issue and on the findings of an independent review of global evidence led by Professor Michael P. Barnes;

- c) there a growing number of countries which regulate the medical use of cannabis and cannabis derivatives, such as Canada, the Netherlands, Israel and over 20 States in the US, who regulate herbal cannabis for medical use;
- d) a number of countries, including Germany and Switzerland, enable patients to import cannabis for medical use from the Netherlands;
- e) the MS Society UK has changed its policy position to call on the UK Government and health bodies to ‘develop a system that legalises cannabis for medicinal use’ in light of positive evidence of the use of cannabis in treating pain and spasticity;
- f) Newport West MP Paul Flynn’s 10 minute rule bill on the legalisation of cannabis for medicinal use was put through unopposed to the next reading on 23rd February 2018 on 10 October.

[Report of the Inquiry of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Drug Policy Reform into medicinal cannabis](#)

[Cannabis: The Evidence for Medical Use – Professor Michael P Barnes](#)

[MS Society UK – Cannabis and MS](#)

[Legalisation of Cannabis \(Medicinal Purposes\) Bill 2017–19](#)

7 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's report on Primary Care Clusters

(60 mins)

NDM6624 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on Primary Care Clusters, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 13 October 2017.

Note: The response of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 January 2018.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6625 [Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#)

The robots are coming - Wales needs a plan for automation

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 10/01/2018 for answer on 17/01/2018

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

Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

1 OAQ51567 **WITHDRAWN**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of live animals in travelling circuses in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

2 OAQ51539

How is the Welsh Government helping people in fuel poverty in Wales?

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

3 OAQ51570

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on reducing the usage of plastic packaging?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

4 OAQ51554

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on animal welfare in Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

5 OAQ51545

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement regarding Welsh Government support for forestry in Wales?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

6 OAQ51537

What action is the Welsh Government taking to address flood risk in north Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

7 OAQ51551

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on local development plans in North Wales?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

8 OAQ51572

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on Welsh Government discussions with Natural Resources Wales about the Roath flood scheme development in Cardiff?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

9 OAQ51548

What is the Welsh Government doing to reduce the number of fires at waste disposal sites in Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

10 OAQ51540

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the Mid Wales Connection project?

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Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

11 OAQ51568 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the continuation of capital funding under the Glastir scheme?

Lee Waters *Llanelli*

12 OAQ51547

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport on developing the industrial application of precision agriculture?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

13 OAQ51535

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Welsh Government will be supporting farmers in Pembrokeshire over the next 12 months?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

14 OAQ51543

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on scope within the planning process for action to be taken against empty premises in town centres?

Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

1 OAQ51574

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of welfare reform in Torfaen?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

2 OAQ51561

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had regarding accelerating housing plans in South Wales East to take account of the abolition of the Severn bridge tolls?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

3 OAQ51565

What strategy is the Welsh Government following to support local government non-statutory services in Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

4 OAQ51546

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the work of public service boards?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

5 OAQ51544

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the timetable for the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's report into allowances for elected members of community and town councils in Wales?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

6 OAQ51534

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of local public services in Pembrokeshire?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

7 OAQ51575

What support does the Welsh Government offer to housing associations in Torfaen when dealing with antisocial behaviour?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

8 OAQ51555

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with local government leaders following the publication of the Welsh Government's local government settlement?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

9 OAQ51562

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the latest situation in Beaumaris Town Council following the resignation of half of its members?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

10 OAQ51542

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on local government reform?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

11 OAQ51557

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with local authorities regarding the fairness of the funding formula for Wales's 22 councils?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

12 OAQ51564 **Transferred for written answer by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill may improve openness and transparency in complaints handling by public bodies in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

13 OAQ51536

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the role of the third sector in the delivery of public services?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

14 OAQ51552

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government support for the voluntary sector in Swansea?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

15 OAQ51566 **Transferred for written answer by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs**

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the effectiveness of campaigns to reduce the number of dog attacks on postal workers?