

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

130(v7)

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance

(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 Leader of the House and Chief Whip (in respect of her policy responsibilities)

(45 mins)

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3 Statement by the Counsel General: Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill

(45 mins)

Proposal for an Urgent Debate under Standing Order 12.69

[Leanne Wood](#): UK air strikes in Syria

4 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(20 mins)



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5 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport:

[Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's role in the proposed renaming of the second Severn crossing to the Prince of Wales bridge?

6 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

7 Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: How is the Welsh Government preparing for Brexit?

(60 mins)

NDM6704 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on 'How is the Welsh Government preparing for Brexit?', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 February 2018.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 12 April 2018.

8 Welsh Conservatives debate – The Permanent Secretary's investigation report

(30 mins)

NDM6702 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the letter from the Permanent Secretary, dated 16 March, in relation to motion NDM6668, which was agreed by the National Assembly for Wales on 28 February 2018.

2. Regrets the failure of the Permanent Secretary to comply with the wishes of Assembly Members.

3. Acting in accordance with Section 37(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, requires the Welsh Government's Permanent Secretary to produce for the purposes of the Assembly, with appropriate redactions to ensure anonymity of witnesses, the report into the investigation on "whether there is any evidence of a prior unauthorised sharing of information – i.e. a "leak" – by the Welsh Government of information relating to the recent Ministerial reshuffle".

[ITV Wales – Leak inquiry clears First Minister – 25 January 2018](#)

[Wales Online – Outside the headlines: Politics updates from Cardiff Bay, Westminster and our town halls – 25 January 2018](#)

[Letter from the Permanent Secretary to all Assembly Members – 16 March 2018](#)

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1.

9 Welsh Conservatives debate – A national school workforce plan
(30 mins)

NDM6703 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the growing teacher recruitment crisis in maintained schools in Wales.
2. Regrets that there has been insufficient Welsh Government action to address the causes of this to date.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Education Workforce Council to develop a national school workforce plan for Wales, in order to:

- a) remove unnecessary barriers to the recruitment of overseas trained teachers;
- b) recognise the skills of experienced and successful teachers working in further education colleges, and in independent schools and colleges by providing them with qualified teacher status; and
- c) establish routes into teaching for experienced teaching support assistants in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the ongoing work of Welsh Government to develop a high-quality education profession and attract the best and brightest to teach in Wales, including:

- a) reformed and strengthened Initial Teacher Education;
- b) targeted incentives for high quality graduates in priority subjects and Welsh-medium education;
- c) an ongoing highly targeted digital recruitment campaign;
- d) establishing the National Academy for Educational Leadership; and
- e) establishing the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Board.

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

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

Add as new point after point 1:

Notes the National Education Union Cymru figures that show that over 50,000 working days a year are lost by teachers due to stress-related illness and that

33.6 per cent of school teachers that responded to the Education Workforce Council national education workforce survey intend to leave their profession in the next three years.

[National Education Union Cymru press release, 'New Education Minister Must Tackle Stress' – 25 July 2016](#)

[The Education Workforce Council National Education Workforce Survey](#)

10 United Kingdom Independence Party debate – The Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign

(60 mins)

NDM6697 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes and welcomes the campaign of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group to achieve fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by changes to state pension laws.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to provide the following to all women born in the 1950s affected by changes to state pension laws:
 - a) a bridging pension that supplies an income until state pension age, which is not means-tested;
 - b) compensation for the absence of a bridging pension to those who have already reached their state pension age;
 - c) compensation to all those who have not started to receive a bridging pension by an appropriate date, which would be sufficient to recover lost monetary interest; and
 - d) compensation to the beneficiaries of the estates of those who are deceased and failed to receive a bridging pension.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Add as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets UK Government inaction to end the injustice suffered by women affected by the changes to state pension laws.

Amendment 2 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

In point 2, delete “work with” and replace with “urge”.

11 Urgent Debate

(60 mins)

[Leanne Wood](#): UK air strikes in Syria

12 Voting Time

13 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6701 [Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Sepsis – The Chameleon

What is sepsis, how do we recognise it, how do we treat it, and what can we do to save more lives?

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 April 2018

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11/04/2018 for answer on 18/04/2018

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

Cabinet Secretary for Finance

David Melding *South Wales Central*

1 OAQ51998

What additional funding will the Cabinet Secretary provide to the local government and public services portfolio to support people who are in debt?

Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ51976

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the implementation of the new devolved taxes since they came into force on 1 April 2018?

Bethan Sayed *South Wales West*

3 OAQ52006

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government spending commitments in relation to the local government and public services portfolio?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

4 OAQ51987

Tabled in Welsh

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding what will replace European structural funds in Wales following Brexit?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

5 OAQ52000

How will the Cabinet Secretary ensure that money raised by the two new devolved taxes will contribute towards future investment in Welsh public services?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

6 OAQ51993

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of council tax increases on the residents of South Wales West?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

7 OAQ51974

What are the potential implications for Welsh Government funding decisions of the UK Government's reduction in police budgets?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

8 OAQ51994

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the allocation of funding to the education portfolio?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

9 OAQ51989

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on business rate relief for small and medium-sized enterprises in 2018-19?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

10 OAQ51968

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the overall budget allocation to the health and social services portfolio?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

11 OAQ51982

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the allocation of funding to the local government and public services portfolio?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

12 OAQ51995

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the process for calculating the amount of funding allocated to the health and social services portfolio to support emergency services?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

13 OAQ52004

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Welsh Government's proposals to alter tax rates in Wales?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

14 OAQ51991

What additional funding will the Cabinet Secretary allocate to the education portfolio to support pupils from lower income families?

Leader of the House and Chief Whip

Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

1 OAQ51977

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the availability of mobile phone reception in Mid and West Wales?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

2 OAQ51970

Will the Leader of the House report on the progress of the Welsh Government's digital action plan?

Jane Hutt *Vale of Glamorgan*

3 OAQ51978

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 on its third anniversary?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4 OAQ52009

What progress is the Welsh Government making in implementing its policy on asylum seekers and refugees?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

5 OAQ52007

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the representation of women in industry?

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

6 OAQ52008

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve mobile internet connectivity throughout the Rhondda?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

7 OAQ51988

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to ensure women's safety in Wales?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

8 OAQ51999

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on broadband provision in South Wales Central?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

9 OAQ51971

How does the Welsh Government ensure that it is meeting the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 with regard to disabled pupil access?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

10 OAQ51985

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the mobile action plan?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

11 OAQ52002

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the successor project to Superfast Cymru?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

12 OAQ51980

Withdrawn

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the next steps the Welsh Government will take to introduce fast, reliable broadband?

David Rees *Aberavon*

13 OAQ51986

What is the Welsh Government doing to reduce the gender pay gap in Aberavon?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

14 OAQ51984

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on procurement for the successor scheme to Superfast Cymru?

Assembly Commission

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

1 OAQ51992

What progress is being made in eliminating single-use plastic items from the Assembly estate?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

2 OAQ51973

Will the Commissioner make a statement on the methods of communication employed by the Assembly to reach out to the Welsh public?

Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

3 OAQ51979

Tabled in Welsh

What work is the Commission undertaking to reduce carbon emissions?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

4 OAQ52003

Will the Commissioner make a statement on the arrangements for asbestos management on the Assembly estate?