

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

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

(0 mins)

No topical questions were selected.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



5 Statement by the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – the National Assembly's decision in relation to subordinate legislation procedures

(30 mins)

Supporting documents

[Letter from the Chair of the Committee to the First Minister – 17 April 2018 \(PDF, 132KB\)](#)

[Response from the First Minister to the Chair of the Committee – 25 April 2018 \(PDF, 207KB\)](#)

[Letter from the Chair of the Committee to the Llywydd – 17 April 2018 \(PDF, 727KB\)](#)

[Response from the Llywydd to the Chair of the Committee – 25 April 2018 \(PDF, 172KB\)](#)

[Report of the Committee: Scrutiny of regulations made under the European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill – February 2018 \(PDF, 132KB\)](#)

6 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

(45 mins)

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Local government reform

(60 mins)

NDM6707 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the Welsh Government Green Paper – Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People – is the third proposal in three years put forward by the Welsh Government on local government reform.

2. Further notes that local authorities were working towards regional arrangements put forward under the Cabinet Secretary Local Government and Public Service's predecessor.
3. Regrets that the latest proposal has caused sustained periods of uncertainty for councils and their frontline staff.
4. Is concerned by the continual top-down nature of Welsh local government reform, as shown by the lack of meaningful engagement with council leaders and Chief Executives in the preparation of this paper, as well as the absence of strategic cost and benefit analysis taken on all previous local government reform proposals.

[Welsh Government Green Paper Consultation Document – Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's Green Paper – Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People – which is currently out for consultation.
2. Notes the current configuration of 22 local authorities in Wales is not sustainable.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

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

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the austerity that has led to major cuts to local government budgets for many years, and the continuous uncertainty that councils face in terms of their financial situation and possible re-organisation.

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

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the Cabinet Secretary's lack of acknowledgement of the importance of working constructively and maintaining the relationship between the Welsh Government and local authorities.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that any proposals for local government reorganisation should aim to strengthen local democracy, integrate health and care, strengthen the Welsh language and offer more effective services to its users.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – The proposed renaming of the Second Severn Crossing

(30 mins)

NDM6706 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the UK Government to hold a public consultation on the proposed renaming of the Second Severn Crossing.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the renaming of the Second Severn Crossing by the UK Government, with whom responsibility rests.
2. Welcomes the Welsh Government's intention to conduct local consultations on the naming of new trunk road bridges in Wales.

9 Plaid Cymru debate – The school uniform grant

(30 mins)

NDM6709 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate the school uniform grant.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's intention to replace the school uniform grant with a more flexible policy which better suits the needs of disadvantaged learners.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6708 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

The social fabric and future wellbeing of our valleys communities

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 May 2018

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 18/04/2018 for answer on 25/04/2018

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

Cabinet Secretary for Education

Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

1 OAQ52045 Tabled in Welsh

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary held regarding plans for a new site for Ysgol Dewi Sant in Llanelli?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*

2 OAQ52029

What is the Welsh Government doing to support adult community learning?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

3 OAQ52033

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the teaching of modern foreign languages?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

4 OAQ52048

What action is the Welsh Government taking to help disadvantaged learners in Islwyn?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

5 OAQ52020

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of education in combating problem gambling?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

6 OAQ52036

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the 21st Century Schools programme in Cardiff?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

7 OAQ52032

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on school funding in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council?

Bethan Sayed *South Wales West*

8 OAQ52023

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Welsh Government's position on school mergers and closures?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

9 OAQ52040

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the support available for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils in Torfaen?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

10 OAQ52024

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how many schools have closed since her appointment?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

11 OAQ52026

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to changing the way schools are funded?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

12 OAQ52049 *Tabled in Welsh*

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the availability of apprenticeships through the medium of Welsh?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

13 OAQ52031

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the health and well-being area of learning and experience in the new curriculum?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

14 OAQ52017

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government guidance for supporting and maintaining rural primary schools in South Wales Central?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

15 OAQ52046

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the level of choice available in post-16 education?

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

1 OAQ52042

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote breastfeeding?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ52035

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Bowel Screening Wales programme?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

3 OAQ52018

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government initiatives to recruit and retain staff within the Welsh NHS?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

4 OAQ52016

How is the Welsh Government improving prostate cancer diagnosis rates?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

5 OAQ52027

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on cancer services in Wales?

Simon Thomas *Mid and West Wales*

6 OAQ52043 *Tabled in Welsh*

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the future of health services in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

7 OAQ52041

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline what action is being taken by the Welsh Government to tackle childhood obesity?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

8 OAQ52039

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the availability and funding of treatment for the eye condition Keratoconus?

David Rees *Aberavon*

9 OAQ52051

What discussions is the Welsh Government having with local health boards on monitoring nurse staffing levels within each hospital?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

10 OAQ52038

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on bowel cancer outcomes in North Wales?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

11 OAQ52030

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on investment in health services in Mid and West Wales?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

12 OAQ52044

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the future allocation of patients between the major trauma centre in Cardiff and Grange University Hospital?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

13 OAQ52050

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's suicide and self-harm prevention strategy for Wales 2015-2020?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

14 OAQ52028

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on breast cancer services in south-east Wales?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

15 OAQ52047

What progress is the Welsh Government making in improving sexual health service provision in Islwyn?