

# Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 May 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

(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 Counsel General

(45 mins)

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### 3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted.

### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

### 5 Statement by the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee: Public Procurement

(30 mins)

In accordance with Standing Order 11.15(i), Business Committee has decided that any vote necessary on the motion under item 6 will be taken immediately at the end of that item.



## **6 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee's Report 01–18 to the Assembly under Standing Order 22.9**

(15 mins)

**NDM6710 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the [Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 01–18](#) together with the [Report from Sir John Griffith Williams QC under paragraph 8.6 of the procedure for dealing with complaints against Assembly Members](#) – laid before the Assembly on 18 April 2018 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report that a breach has been found and resolves that the Member, under Standing Order 22.10 (i) and (iii) should be censured and excluded from Assembly proceedings for the period of seven calendar days immediately after this motion is agreed.

## **7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Period poverty and stigma**

(60 mins)

**NDM6695**

**[Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the research by Plan International UK on Period Poverty and Stigma, which estimates that 1 in 10 girls in the UK has been unable to afford sanitary wear.
2. Welcomes the action by Welsh organisations including Periods in Poverty, Wings Cymru, The Red Box Project, Trussell Trust, and others to tackle this issue.
3. Notes the final report from Rhondda Cynon Taff Council Scrutiny Working Group established to deal with free sanitary provisions in schools.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) consider current and emerging research on the potential impact of period poverty and stigma, on learning;
- b) consider calls to improve education on the subject and to provide free access to sanitary items in education institutions; and
- c) identify ways to make sanitary products available for Welsh food banks.

[Plan International UK – 1 in 10 girls have been unable to afford sanitary wear](#)  
[Rhondda Cynon Taff Council – Final report of Scrutiny Working Group dealing with free sanitary provisions in schools](#)

**Supporters:**

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

[Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

[Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

[John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

## **8 Plaid Cymru debate – The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and devolution**

(60 mins)

**NDM6712** [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the agreement between the Welsh and UK governments on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

2. Further notes that the agreement renders the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill, passed by a majority in the National Assembly for Wales, redundant.

3. Regrets the fact that the agreement grants the UK Parliament a veto over areas of devolved legislation.

4. Further regrets the agreement's undermining of the Plaid Cymru–Welsh Government White Paper on Securing Wales' Future which states "that the UK exit from the EU must not result in devolved powers being clawed back to the UK Government. Any attempt to do so will be firmly resisted by us".

5. Calls for a meaningful vote in the National Assembly for Wales on the agreement.

[European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#)

[Law Derived from the European Union \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[White Paper: Securing Wales' Future – Transition from the European Union to a new relationship with Europe](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes:

a) the agreement between the Welsh and UK governments on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill;

b) that this will protect the UK internal market and ensure no new barriers are created within the UK for consumers and businesses;

- c) that this means the vast majority of EU powers that intersect with devolved competences will go directly to the devolved parliaments and assemblies when the UK leaves the EU;
- d) the duty placed on UK Ministers to seek the agreement of the devolved legislatures each time they propose to make regulations to put a policy area into the clause 11 “freeze”;
- e) the time-limit introduced on the temporary constraint on devolved competence; and
- f) that this means the Welsh Government will now recommend that the National Assembly for Wales pass a legislative consent motion for the EU (Withdrawal) Bill.

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

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

3. Agrees that this positive outcome to the negotiations with the UK Government secures the National Assembly’s powers over devolved policies in the changing circumstances created by Brexit and entrenches the Sewel convention, based on a default position that changes to the Assembly’s competences require the Assembly’s consent.
4. Welcomes the fact that any UK wide frameworks to replace the current EU frameworks will be freely negotiated between the governments and will be subject to the Sewel convention; and that while these frameworks are being negotiated, no government, including the UK Government in respect of England, will be able to introduce legislation which departs from the status quo.
5. Notes further that the National Assembly will have the opportunity for a meaningful vote on the agreement when it considers the Legislative Consent Motion to be brought forward by the Welsh Government.

## **9 Voting Time**

## 10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6711 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

The land of song: developing a music education strategy for Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 May 2018