

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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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

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(10 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport:

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement following confirmation that the Welsh Government welcomed proposals to rename the second Severn Crossing the Prince of Wales Bridge?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services:

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the GP indemnity scheme for Wales, following its announcement on Monday?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on the Assembly's Dignity and Respect Policy

(30 mins)

NDM6724 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Approves the National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy.
2. Notes the guidance of the National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy.

[National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy](#)

[National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy – Accompanying guidance on inappropriate behaviour](#)

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – An electric vehicle charging planning Bill

(30 mins)

NDM6720 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the proposal for an electric vehicle charging planning Bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) introduce planning guidelines for new developments, whether they are public buildings or housing;
 - b) ensure that new buildings must include charging points for electric vehicles;
 - c) make it easier for people to use electric vehicles in order to reduce carbon emissions.

8 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Bowel cancer

(60 mins)

NDM6682

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

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

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

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

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

[Mandy Jones \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer's recent report highlighting early diagnosis and its ambition to improve survival rates for people affected by bowel cancer.

2. Recognises the brave contribution of bowel cancer patients in Wales to raising awareness of the disease and of the healthcare professionals to improving outcomes in the face of increasing demand for diagnosis, within the constraints of the existing service.

3. Recognises bowel cancer as the second biggest cancer killer in Wales, the effect early diagnosis has on survival rates and the importance of encouraging the public to take up their bowel screening opportunities as uptake rates have fallen by 1 per cent in the last 12 months.

4. Welcomes the introduction of the simpler and more accurate faecal immunochemical test (FIT) in the bowel screening programme and its potential to improve bowel cancer survival rates.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to deliver a bowel screening programme that can reach its full potential and to address issues around the:

a) proposed threshold of FIT to be introduced in 2019;

b) challenges that exist within endoscopy and pathology services to ensure FIT can be introduced optimally;

c) need to reduce the eligible screening age from 60 to 50.

[Spotlight on Bowel Cancer in Wales – Early Diagnosis Saves Lives](#)

Supporter:

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

9 Plaid Cymru debate – Child poverty

(60 mins)

NDM6723 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the recent increase in child poverty.
2. Notes research for Save the Children Cymru which found that: “By age five around a third of children living in poverty (30–35 percent) were already falling behind across a range of cognitive outcomes (i.e. vocabulary, problem solving, dexterity and coordination) compared with a fifth of those from better-off families (20–21 per cent)”.
3. Believes that responsibility for the increase in child poverty and for tackling child poverty, resides with both the UK Government and Welsh Government.
4. Regrets that the Welsh Government has ended the Communities First programme without an evaluation of its effectiveness or a plan for its replacement.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure equal access to high quality early childhood education and care for all children in Wales with a specific focus on providing additional support to all children living in poverty, as recommended by Save the Children Cymru.
6. Further calls on the Welsh Government to take all steps within its powers to tackle child poverty as part of a new plan for eliminating child poverty that includes SMART targets rather than vague statements.
7. Believes that such a plan can only succeed with the administrative control of social security and that securing these powers should be a major strategic objective of the new plan.

[Save the Children Cymru – Little Pieces, Big Picture – Harnessing Early Childhood Education and Care to make sure no child in Wales is left behind](#)

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:

1. Notes that child poverty levels in Wales stand above the UK level with rates rising before the last recession.
2. Notes research for Save the Children Cymru which found that: "By age five around a third of children living in poverty (30–35 per cent) were already falling behind across a range of cognitive outcomes (i.e. vocabulary, problem solving, dexterity and coordination) compared with a fifth of those from better-off families (20–21 per cent)".
3. Recognises that although UK Government policy in reserved areas also applies in Wales, the Welsh Government has responsibility for promoting prosperity and tackling poverty programmes, including Communities First, in Wales since 1999.
4. Notes the importance of access to high-quality early childhood education and care for children in Wales and the need for targeted support for children living in poverty.
5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to take all steps within its powers to tackle child poverty as part of a new plan for eliminating child poverty that includes SMART targets rather than vague statements.

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

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that responsibility for tackling child poverty resides with both the UK Government and Welsh Government.

2. Notes with concern latest EHRC analysis which shows that UK Government tax and welfare reforms will push an extra 50,000 children into poverty by 2021/22.
3. Welcomes the Welsh Government focus on employment as the best route out of poverty and the ambitious actions set out in the Economic Action Plan and Employability Plan.
4. Welcomes the continued investment in Flying Start, Families First, the Pupil Development Grant and the Healthy Child Wales Programme to ensure every child has the best start in life.
5. Believes that the welfare needs of all UK citizens should be equally met and that the devolution of welfare benefits does not support this principle.

[EHRC Research](#)

[Economic Action Plan](#)

[Employability Plan](#)

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6715 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

Rent stability – Why we need rent controls to ensure private renters get a fair deal.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 May 2018

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 09/05/2018 for answer on 16/05/2018

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

Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

1 OAQ52189

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding the shared prosperity fund?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

2 OAQ52175

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the process for calculating the amount of funding allocated to the local government and public services portfolio to support homelessness?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

3 OAQ52177

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on strategic investment in South Wales West?

Jane Hutt *Vale of Glamorgan*

4 OAQ52191

Will the Cabinet Secretary clarify the allocation of Welsh Government funding to credit unions following the recent update to the Wales infrastructure investment plan?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

5 OAQ52163

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the innovate-to-save fund?

Sian Gwenllïan *Arfon*

6 OAQ52200

Tabled in Welsh

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had regarding the UK's shared prosperity fund?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

7 OAQ52160

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the availability of funding for capital projects over the next three years?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8 OAQ52183

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support infrastructure investment in Islwyn?

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Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*
9 OAQ52190

What guidance does the Welsh Government provide to local authorities regarding the recovery of unpaid council tax?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*
10 OAQ52198

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the allocation of funding in the budget to develop medical education in Bangor?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*
11 OAQ52166

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on plans for a vacant land tax in Wales?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*
12 OAQ52180

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that the Welsh budget provides value for money?

David Melding *South Wales Central*
13 OAQ52179

What consideration does the Cabinet Secretary give to local government when allocating funding in the budget?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*
14 OAQ52167

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the financing of infrastructure investment projects in west Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*
15 OAQ52194

Tabled in Welsh

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on procurement in the public sector?

Leader of the House and Chief Whip

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*
1 OAQ52174

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on action to improve digital inclusion in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*
2 OAQ52188

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on how the Welsh Government is promoting digital inclusion in Wales?

3 **Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*
OAQ52184

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the Welsh Government's policies for promoting digital inclusion?

4 **Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*
OAQ52181

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the Talented Women for a Successful Wales report?

5 **Neil Hamilton** *Mid and West Wales*
OAQ52185

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on support for victims of domestic violence in Mid and West Wales?

6 **John Griffiths** *Newport East*
OAQ52169

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to extend broadband coverage in Wales?

7 **Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*
OAQ52187

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the installation of broadband at the St Davids RNLI station?

8 **Dawn Bowden** *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*
OAQ52173

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on developing digital infrastructure in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

9 **Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*
OAQ52159

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the delivery of superfast broadband in rural communities?

10 **Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*
OAQ52168

Will the Leader of the House outline what the Welsh Government is doing to improve the delivery of broadband in Pembrokeshire?

11 **Simon Thomas** *Mid and West Wales*
OAQ52195

Tabled in Welsh

What discussions has the Leader of the House had with the UK Government regarding the availability of visas for migrant workers in key sectors of the Welsh economy when the UK leaves the EU?

12 **Mandy Jones** *North Wales*
OAQ52197

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on broadband infrastructure in North Wales?

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Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*
13 OAQ52170

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on Welsh Government action to make Wales a fair-work nation?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*
14 OAQ52182

How much of the £1.1 million allocated to tackling period poverty and dignity is expected to be allocated to sustainable solutions?

Assembly Commission

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*
1 OAQ52199

Will the Commissioner provide an update on progress towards objective four of the Assembly's Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2016-21?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*
2 OAQ52193

Will the Commissioner explain why the number of events that can be sponsored by Assembly Members has been limited to 10 per year?