

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 October 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 and Chief Whip

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(30 mins)

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#### 4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

#### 5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



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## 6 Motion to amend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

### [NDM6825 Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 24, 25 and 27 – Section 116C Orders', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 2 October 2018; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 24, 25 and 27, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

### Supporting Document

[Letters from Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to the Llywydd and the Welsh Government](#)

## 7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal

(30 mins)

### [NDM6819 Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to incorporate the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons into Welsh law.
2. The purpose of this Bill would be to strengthen rights-based policy approaches to promote the rights of those with disabilities and use the UN Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons as a framework for future developments.

[United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons](#)

## 8 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Building Resilience, inquiry into non-public funding of the arts – No motion tabled

**9 Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Commission–proposed Bill – The Welsh Parliament and Elections (Wales) Bill**

(30 mins)

[NDM6821 Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Assembly Commission’s report: “Creating a Parliament for Wales, Consultation Report”, October 2018;
2. Notes the Assembly Commission’s written statement: The Welsh Parliament and Elections (Wales) Bill;
3. Agrees to allow the Assembly Commission to introduce a Bill to:
  - a) change the name of the National Assembly for Wales;
  - b) extend the franchise for Assembly elections;
  - c) amend the law relating to disqualification; and
  - d) make other changes to, and associated with, the Assembly’s electoral and internal arrangements.

[Creating a Parliament for Wales, Consultation Report](#)

[Assembly Commission written statement: The Welsh Parliament and Elections \(Wales\) Bill](#)

**10 Debate on NDM6813 – Disposal of dredged materials from the Bristol Channel**

(60 mins)

**NDM6813**

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the widespread public concerns in relation to the disposal of dredged materials from the Bristol Channel to locations off the coast of south Wales, relating to the construction of a new power station at Hinkley.

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

a) publish more detailed evidence in response to concerns regarding risks to public health and the environment, including allowing for further testing in order to provide greater transparency; and

b) instruct Natural Resources Wales to suspend the marine licence that enables the disposal activity and undertake a wide-ranging programme of engagement and consultation with local communities and stakeholders across south Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Notes:

a) under the terms of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (the London Convention, 1972), to which the UK is a signatory, only materials with de minimis levels of radioactivity may be considered for disposal to sea;

b) the conservative generic radiological assessment, developed by the International Atomic Energy Agency, is the internationally agreed method for testing for de minimis levels of radioactivity and this method was used in the determination of the Hinkley marine licence;

c) the evidence within the National Assembly Petitions Committee report that Natural Resources Wales made its marine licence determination based on expert advice, in accordance with the International Atomic Energy Agency procedures for radiological assessments;

d) all tests and assessments concluded the sediment to be disposed of is within safe limits, poses no radiological risk to human health or the environment, and is safe and suitable to be disposed of at sea.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to instruct Natural Resources Wales to carry out further public engagement to explain the process and evidence to reassure the public.

[Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter \(the London Convention, 1972\)](#)

[Petitions Committee Report](#)

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

**Amendment 2 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

In point 2, add as new sub-points:

take into account the information provided by Emeritus Professor Keith Barnham regarding cooling pond accidents at Hinkley Point A in the 1960s; and

instruct Natural Resources Wales to carry out a full environmental impact assessment on the effect on the Welsh coast, the coastal population and Welsh marine environment of the dumping of sediment from Hinkley in the Cardiff Grounds.

Professor Keith Barnham, 'New evidence of the need to test Hinkley Point sediments for Uranium and Plutonium' – copy placed in the Members' Library.

## **11 Voting Time**

## **12 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

[NDM6820 Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

Newport: economy, infrastructure and opportunities.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 October 2018

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 03/10/2018 for answer on 10/10/2018

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretaries after Question 2.

### Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

1 OAQ52717

(e)

What consideration did the Cabinet Secretary give to preventative services when deciding on the draft budget?

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

2 OAQ52709

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government spending for 2019-20 in Monmouth?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ52739

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline how the draft budget will assist local authorities in north Wales in light of the financial pressures being placed upon them?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

4 OAQ52724

(e)

What effect has the 6 per cent land transaction tax rate had on tax revenue from commercial property transactions of over £1 million since April 2018?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

5 OAQ52725

(e)

What negotiations have taken place to ensure that post-Brexit structural funds will be managed by the Welsh Government?

**Dawn Bowden** *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

6 OAQ52722

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the fiscal prospects that underpin the draft budget?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

7 OAQ52726

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(e)

What consideration does the Cabinet Secretary give to supporting the eradication of homelessness in allocating funding to the local government and public services portfolio?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

8 OAQ52716

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government progress in moving to a more preventative spend model of budgeting?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

9 OAQ52712

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on public procurement in South Wales West?

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

10 OAQ52721

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact that the recent Welsh Government budget will have on council-tax payers in South Wales West?

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

11 OAQ52734

Withdrawn

(e)

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to the provision of financial assistance to help organisations prepare for Brexit in allocating the draft budget?

**Lee Waters** *Llanelli*

12 OAQ52736

Withdrawn

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary meet with Preston City Council to understand what lessons the Welsh Government can learn from its approach to public procurement?

## Leader of the House and Chief Whip

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

1 OAQ52708

(e)

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on superfast broadband in Monmouth?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

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2 OAQ52727

(e)

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the development of 5G in North Wales?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

3 OAQ52707

(e)

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the latest roll-out of broadband in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

4 OAQ52730

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote digital collaboration between the public and private sectors?

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

5 OAQ52720

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to tackle gender-based bullying?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

6 OAQ52711

(e)

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on broadband coverage in Newport East?

**Jane Hutt** *Vale of Glamorgan*

7 OAQ52718

(e)

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on Welsh Government action to tackle violence against women and domestic abuse?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

8 OAQ52738

(e)

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the roll-out of superfast broadband across Wales?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

9 OAQ52713

(e)

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on high-speed broadband provision in Caerphilly?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

10 OAQ52704

(e)

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What recent action has the Leader of the House taken in relation to her portfolio responsibilities for equality?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

11 OAQ52732

(e)

What discussions has the Leader of the House had with the Counsel General regarding the action that the Welsh Government needs to take to ensure that the rights identified in the European charter of fundamental rights are incorporated into Welsh law following the UK's departure from the EU?

**Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*

12 OAQ52728

(e)

What recent discussions has the Leader of the House had about human rights in relation to UN and EU conventions?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

13 OAQ52733

(w)

Will the Leader of the House make a statement on the availability of 3G and 4G in North Wales?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

14 OAQ52737

(e)

Will the Leader of the House provide an update on the progress of digital transformation across Wales's public sector?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

15 OAQ52705

(e)

How does the Welsh Government oversee compliance with the public sector equality duty?

## Assembly Commission

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

1 OAQ52715

(w)

What assessment has the Commission made of the Assembly's participation in the 2018 National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay?

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

2 OAQ52740

(e)

What events does the Commission have planned to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War?

3 **Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*  
OAQ52735

Withdrawn

(e)

What plans does the Commission have to improve the environment around the Assembly?

4 **Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*  
OAQ52731

(e)

What is the Commission doing to encourage young people to visit the Assembly?

5 **Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*  
OAQ52729

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on resourcing the Welsh Youth Parliament?

6 **Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*  
OAQ52741

(e)

Will the Commissioner make a statement on the preparedness of the Assembly and its offices across the country to respond to potential terrorist attacks?