

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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Nominations for committee chair (5 mins)

The Deputy Presiding Officer will invite nominations for the chair of the following committee, in accordance with Standing Order 17.2F:

(i) Finance Committee

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

(30 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Cabinet Secretary confirm whether her comments in the Farmers Guardian on 18 October, in which she stated that she



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will not consider maintaining some form of direct payment for farmers, even if the majority of respondents to Brexit and our Land requested it, is the Welsh Government's position?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motions to elect Members to committees – Plaid Cymru

NDM6836 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Finance Committee in place of Steffan Lewis (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6837 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Leanne Wood (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Petitions Committee in place of Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6838 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in place of Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6839 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Bethan Sayed (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee in place of Adam Price (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6840 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Sian Gwenllïan (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6841 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Leanne Wood (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee in place of Bethan Sayed (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6842 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Helen Mary Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in place of Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6843 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in place of Sian Gwenllian (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6844 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Helen Mary Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru).

NDM6845 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) in place of Adam Price (Plaid Cymru) as alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee – UKIP

NDM6846 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Neil Hamilton (UKIP) in place of Michelle Brown (UKIP) as alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee Report on its Inquiry into Low Carbon Housing: The Challenge

(60 mins)

NDM6832 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, 'Low Carbon Housing: the Challenge', which was [laid](#) in Table Office on 2 August 2018.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 17 October 2018.

6 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Hitting the Right Note: Inquiry into funding for and access to music education

(60 mins)

NDM6833 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, 'Hitting the Right Note – Inquiry into funding for and access to music education', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 14 June 2018.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 13 August 2018.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Climate Change

(60 mins)

NDM6835 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

2. Notes the report's conclusion that governments must take urgent and far-reaching action by 2030 in order to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees celsius.

3. Notes that the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee has found that the Welsh Government is likely to fail to reach its targets for reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 2020.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to report back to the Assembly on what significant action it will take in response to the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

5. Believes that those actions should include:

a) a fracking ban in Wales;

b) abandoning the M4 black route plan and investing in more sustainable solutions to solve M4 capacity problem in the area;

c) a significant increase in investment in retrofitting housing and strengthening building regulations to achieve the objective of near-zero energy buildings; and

d) establishing a national energy company to help achieve the goal of generating as much electricity as is consumed in Wales from renewable energy by 2035, investing profits in better services and prices for clients.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government, the National Assembly for Wales and other public organisations in Wales to be part of the global movement to disinvest in fossil fuels.

[United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report](#)

[The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee – The Welsh Government’s progress on climate change mitigation: Annual Report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the evidence that shows the challenges for Wales in delivering the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 commitments of at least 80 per cent emission reductions by 2050.

[Building a low-carbon economy in Wales – Setting Welsh carbon targets](#)

[Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)

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

Insert as new point after point 3:

Opposes the use of nuclear power as a means to combat climate change.

Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

5. Welcomes the Welsh Conservatives' white paper, 'Liveable Cities', which puts forward proposals to mitigate the causes and effects of climate change including:

- a) making Cardiff the UK's first carbon-neutral capital city;
- b) installing air pollution monitors in all schools and nurseries in Wales;
- c) introducing a smart-homes initiative to support micro and neighbourhood energy schemes that want to generate, store and transport their own energy;
- d) committing to a target of 20 per cent urban tree canopy cover by 2030;
- e) incentivising and encouraging green roofs on commercial developments in Wales; and
- f) introducing a green card which will give free bus travel to all 16–24 year olds in Wales.

[Liveable Cities](#)

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Notes Welsh Government action to date on climate change including:

- a) setting interim targets and carbon budgets for Wales and development of the first low-carbon delivery plan.
- b) publication of draft petroleum extraction policy for consultation.
- c) recently announced plans for a new £5 billion rail service which will lead to a 25 per cent reduction in carbon emissions on the Wales and Borders network and plans to develop a new Wales Transport Strategy that can support an integrated, multi-modal and low-carbon transport network across Wales.

d) invested more than £240 million in the Welsh Government Warm Homes programme, which includes Nest and Arbed, improving the energy efficiency of more than 45,000 homes and agreed further investment of £104 million for the period 2017–2021.

e) having commenced a review of part L of the building regulations to increase the required energy efficiency of new homes.

f) setting a target for 70 per cent of Welsh electricity consumption from renewables by 2030, with a range of Welsh Government actions supporting an increase to 48 per cent in 2017.

[Petroleum extraction policy in Wales](#)

[Building Regulations Part L Review](#)

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6834 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

Fake News: How do you spot it, how do you beat it?

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 November 2018

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 17/10/2018 for answer on 24/10/2018

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

Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

1 OAQ52811

(w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the availability of jobs in rural areas?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OAQ52806

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on plans for the new Dyfi bridge?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

3 OAQ52823

(e)

How does the Welsh Government intend to measure the success of improvements to services emanating from the new rail franchise?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

4 OAQ52803

(e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Leader of the House about working with transport providers to ensure that their services are accessible to people with disabilities?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

5 OAQ52819

(e)

What recent discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had about rural bus services in Mid and West Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

6 OAQ52802

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the theatre industry in Wales?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

7 OAQ52822

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Cardiff capital region city deal?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8 OAQ52817

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of how Transport for Wales will impact on the communities of Islwyn?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

9 OAQ52815

Member declared an interest

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact that the Supercomputing Wales programme will have on the Welsh economy?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

10 OAQ52814

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the rate of business start-ups in Wales as compared to the rest of the United Kingdom?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11 OAQ52824

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government policy to support locally owned businesses?

David Rees *Aberavon*

12 OAQ52812

(e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve the transport system in South Wales West?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

13 OAQ52825

(e)

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to the independent inspector's report into the A465 Dowlais Top to Hirwaun road improvements?

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

14 OAQ52828

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the progress of the Rhondda tunnel project?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

15 OAQ52821

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's property assets relating to economic development in North Wales?

Counsel General

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OAQ52829

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government on ensuring that the rights of EU citizens in Wales are protected in the event of the UK leaving the European Union?

David Rees *Aberavon*

2 OAQ52826

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the implications for Wales of the Wightman case in the Scottish courts regarding article 50?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

3 OAQ52807

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the legal basis of the memorandum of understanding between Welsh Ministers and the Secretary of State for Transport relating to the creation of a Welsh traffic commissioner?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

4 OAQ52827

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had regarding the capacity of the tribunal system in Wales?

Lee Waters *Llanelli*

5 OAQ52810

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had in relation to the growing use of digital technologies in the legal sector?