

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 5 December 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Education**

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** With a recent Estyn report stating that secondary schools in Wales could do better, with only half currently judged as good or excellent, what work will the Welsh Government undertake to ensure that standards are raised across all secondary schools in Wales?



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#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee's Report 03–18 to the Assembly under Standing Order 22.9**

(15 mins)

**NDM6890** [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 03–18 [laid](#) before the Assembly on 23 November 2018 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9

2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Welsh Government Performance**

(60 mins)

**NDM6892** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that since December 2009:

- a) referral-to-treatment waiting times in the Welsh NHS have increased;
- b) performance against both the 4 and 12 hour targets in Welsh emergency departments has deteriorated;
- c) cancer treatment targets have never been met in Wales;
- d) the number of beds in Welsh hospitals has fallen;
- e) GCSE performance has deteriorated in Wales with attainment of A\*–C grades for summer 2018 the worst since 2005;
- f) Wales's OECD PISA scores are worse in reading, maths and science with the most recent results being worse than in 2009, placing Wales in the bottom half of the OECD global ranking and at the bottom of the UK rankings;
- g) scores of Welsh schools have permanently closed;
- h) gross disposable household income as a percentage of the UK average has fallen;

- i) Wales has had the poorest average wages growth rate of the UK nations;
- j) business rates in Wales have become less competitive than other parts of the UK; and
- k) the annual number of new homes being built in Wales has fallen.

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to acknowledge its failures, abandon its failing policies, and to deliver the positive change that Wales needs.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Delete all after Wales and replace with:

1. Recognises:
  - a) Almost nine out of 10 people are treated within the target time of 26 weeks
  - b) Investment in the Welsh NHS is at record levels
  - c) More people are surviving cancer than ever in Wales and receiving treatment within the target time
  - d) The proportion of pupils awarded the top GCSE grades at A\* to A increased to 18.5% in 2018
  - e) 8.7% of pupils were awarded A\* at A-level in 2018 – the best results in Wales since the grade was introduced in 2010
  - f) Gross disposable household income in 2016 was £15,835 per person, equivalent to 81.5% of the UK GDHI, up from 2015
  - g) Gross weekly earnings in 2018 for full-time employees working in Wales have increased by 2.1% since 2017
  - h) 1.5m people were employed in Wales in the three months to September 2018, up 4.2% on the same period a year earlier – the largest increase of any UK country or region
  - i) Three-quarters of small business in Wales receive help with rates bills and half pay no non-domestics rates at all
  - j) 20,000 new affordable homes will be built with Welsh Government funding this Assembly term.

2. Thanks the First Minister for his leadership and his work during his nine years in office.

## **7 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM6891** [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

The Neolithic in the Story of Wales: Valuing the achievements of prehistory.

Raising awareness of the importance of prehistory in the cultural life of Wales.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Debate on Stage 3 of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill**

(120 mins)

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate arise in the Bill.

**The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:**

### **1. Duty to provide funded childcare**

4\*, 4A\*, 4B\*, 20

### **2. Parental eligibility**

6, 11, 8, 9, 17, 19, 10, 22, 5

### **3. Welsh language childcare provision**

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### **4. Transportation between providers**

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### **5. Additional charges and rates of payment**

13, 21, 32, 33

### **6. Qualifying children**

14, 15, 16, 18

### **7. Regulations to be made by Welsh Ministers**

1, 3

**8. Statutory instruments: changes to procedures**

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**9. Categories of providers of funded childcare**

24, 25

**10. Administrative arrangements for the provision of funded childcare**

26, 27, 28

**11. Reviews of determinations and appeals to the First-tier Tribunal**

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**12. Review and reports on the effect of the Act and sunset provision**

30, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2, 35

**13. Duty to promote awareness**

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**14. Workforce planning**

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**15. Commencement**

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**Supporting Documents**

[Childcare Funding \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled list of amendments](#)

[Groupings of Amendments](#)

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 December 2018

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 28/11/2018 for answer on 05/12/2018

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

### Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Jenny Rathbone**    *Cardiff Central*

1    OAQ53050

(e)

In light of warnings from the WLGA about the impact of cuts to local government funding, what discussions has the Cabinet Secretary held with the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services regarding the safeguarding of local services?

**Lynne Neagle**    *Torfaen*

2    OAQ53047

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve the understanding of Welsh rates of income tax?

**Mark Reckless**    *South Wales East*

3    OAQ53044

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's long-term strategy for taxation levels in Wales?

**Vikki Howells**    *Cynon Valley*

4    OAQ53029

(e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for capital investment in Cynon Valley?

**Mohammad Asghar**    *South Wales East*

5    OAQ53025

(e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Education about the funding of the Welsh Government's apprenticeship programme?

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

6    OAQ53035

(e)

What changes to business rates in Wales does the Cabinet Secretary intend to bring forward following the UK Government's budget announcement regarding business rates in England?

**Joyce Watson**    *Mid and West Wales*

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7 OAQ53056

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the most recent public spending figures for the nations of the UK?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

8 OAQ53030

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the future of tax levels in Wales between now and the next Assembly election?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

9 OAQ53041

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to protect public services in Islwyn from the impacts of austerity?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

10 OAQ53022

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the impact of the real-terms reduction in the Welsh block grant?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

11 OAQ53026

(e)

What financial planning is the Welsh Government undertaking in preparation for Brexit?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

12 OAQ53055

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help carers with the cost of council tax?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

13 OAQ53052

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact that devolving the administration of the benefits system will have on the Welsh Government's budget?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

14 OAQ53021

(e)

What consideration does the Cabinet Secretary give to infrastructure projects in west Wales when allocating funding to the economy and transport portfolio?

## Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

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

1 OAQ53046

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government support for rural councils?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

2 OAQ53053

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of local authority funding cuts?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

3 OAQ53059

(e)

How does the Welsh Government encourages innovation in local government?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

4 OAQ53038

(w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on local government budgets?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

5 OAQ53039

(e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the effectiveness of local authority regional working?

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

6 OAQ53036

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on youth justice services in Wales?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

7 OAQ53057

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to support veterans in Mid and West Wales?

**Neil Hamilton** *Mid and West Wales*

8 OAQ53037

(e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the local government settlement for Pembrokeshire County Council?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

9 OAQ53049

(e)



What is the Welsh Government doing to establish centres for women offenders in Wales as a matter of urgency?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

10 OAQ53058

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support community facilities in Wales?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

11 OAQ53032

(e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to banning no-fault evictions?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

12 OAQ53054

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure that community assets are not lost?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

13 OAQ53043

(w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Isle of Anglesey County Council's budget in 2019-20?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

14 OAQ53024

(e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service about the number of grassland fires in Wales?

**Jane Hutt** *Vale of Glamorgan*

15 OAQ53045

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the 'People Not Profit' credit union campaign in Scotland?