

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 5 February 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

187(v3)

1 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

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

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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

(45 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Update on the Welsh Mutual Investment Model

(45 mins)

5 Debate: The Future of Wales' Railway

(60 mins)

NDM6954 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:



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1. Regrets the historic underinvestment by the UK Government in Wales' rail infrastructure and recent missed opportunities to enhance strategic infrastructure capacity in Wales.
2. Notes the published work undertaken by Professor Mark Barry: 'The Rail Network in Wales – The Case for Investment' and the proposals contained within it to enhance rail infrastructure within Wales and mainlines serving Wales.
3. Supports the Welsh Government's response to the UK Government's Rail Review being undertaken by Keith Williams.
4. Believes that investment in strategic rail infrastructure is essential for Wales' future competitiveness regardless of the terms on which we leave the EU and calls on the UK Government to develop a timetable for meeting its current obligations for the Trans European Transport Network, including full electrification of the North and South Wales mainlines.

[The Rail Network in Wales – The Case for Investment](#)

[Written Statement containing the Welsh Government response to the UK Government's Rail Review](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 1.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

In point 1, delete 'regrets' and replace with 'condemns'.

Amendment 3 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Insert at end of point 1:

', acknowledging that Wales is severely lagging behind the rest of the UK in transport infrastructure investment.'

Amendment 4 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Insert at end of point 2:

'and calls on the Welsh Government to implement the recommendations, with emphasis on connecting the north and south through the re-opening of the West Wales lines.'

Amendment 5 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete point 3.

Amendment 6 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all after 'EU' in point 4 and add as new points:

Regrets the recent poor performance of rail services, including frequent delays and cancellations, operated by Transport for Wales since they became responsible for services on the Wales and Borders franchise.

Regrets the delay in the re-establishment of direct rail services between Wales and Liverpool.

Notes the role that the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales can play in helping to shape a vision for Welsh rail infrastructure.

Notes the scale of the contribution to Welsh rail infrastructure that the UK Government's city and growth deals will make.

Urges the Welsh Government to work together with the UK Government and all relevant stakeholders in order to continue to make progress in improving rail services in Wales.

Amendment 7 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of decarbonising public transport and calls on the Welsh Government to commit to renewable methods of powering public transport.

Amendment 8 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a renewed focus from the Welsh Government on working towards the reopening of the Gaerwen to Amlwch railway line across Anglesey in light of recent worrying economic announcements.

6 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 6 February 2019

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 31/01/2019 for answer on 05/02/2019

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

First Minister

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

1 OAQ53374

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on health service waiting times across north Wales?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

2 OAQ53379

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the progress of growth deals in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

3 OAQ53333

(e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring best value for money for public procurement?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

4 OAQ53372

(e)

What discussions has the First Minister had about alleviating traffic congestion in south-east Wales?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

5 OAQ53335

(e)

Will the First Minister set out the Welsh Government's policy on the administrative devolution of welfare?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

6 OAQ53376

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the categorisation of schools?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

7 OAQ53378

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the impact of a no deal Brexit on the automotive sector in Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

8 OAQ53371

(e)

Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities with regard to developing participation in sport?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

9 OAQ53373

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on efforts to enhance democracy in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

10 OAQ53332

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on public transport in Blaenau Gwent?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

11 OAQ53375

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's policies for promoting economic growth in south-east Wales?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

12 OAQ53354

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on any action the Welsh Government is taking to tackle ageism?

David Rees *Aberavon*

13 OAQ53356

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote the growth of small businesses in South Wales West?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

14 OAQ53336

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's priorities for animal welfare during this Assembly term?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

15 OAQ53377

(e)

How does the Welsh Government intend to improve access to healthcare for patients in Mid and West Wales?