

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

197(v2)

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 First Minister: Update on EU Negotiations

(45 mins)

4 The Animal Health and Welfare (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

(15 mins)

NDM6994 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Animal Health and Welfare (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 February 2019.



Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report](#)

5 The Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

(15 mins)

NDM6995 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 February 2019.

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6 Debate: Analysis of the Impact of the UK Government's Welfare Reform on Households in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM6993 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the empirical analysis of the effect of the UK Government's Welfare Reform on Households in Wales.
2. Recognises and regrets the negative impact on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Wales.

[Impact of welfare reform on households in Wales](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the Welsh Government's analysis of the impact of welfare reform.
2. Notes the recent comments made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the rollout of Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payments, as well as the actions taken by the UK Government to address concerns over the implementation of both.
3. Further notes that the Welsh Government has admitted that employment is one of the best ways to tackle inequality, through its programme for government and economic action plan;
4. Is concerned that, while employment has substantially increased since 2010, the Equality and Human Rights Commission report 'Is Wales Fairer?' highlighted that poverty and deprivation still remain higher in Wales than other British nations; Wales is the least productive nation in the UK, and median weekly earnings in Wales are lower than in England and Scotland.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a robust and meaningful plan to tackle poverty that contains clear performance targets and indications to measure progress.

[House of Commons Hansard, 19 November 2018](#)

[House of Commons Hansard, 11 February 2019](#)

[The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP – Speech – Closing the gap between intention and experience – 5 March 2019](#)

[Welsh Government – Taking Wales Forward – September 2016](#)

[Welsh Government – Prosperity for All: economic action plan – May 2018](#)

[Equality and Human Rights Commission – Is Wales Fairer? – 25 October 2018](#)

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the administrative devolution of welfare to Wales so that mitigating measures can be put in place.

7 Debate: Stage 3 of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill

(120 mins)

The amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 as agreed by the Assembly on 8 January 2019.

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

Group 1: Prohibited payments – termination of contract

3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 23, 24, 1, 2

Group 2: Drafting clarifications

5, 28

Group 3: Repayment of prohibited payments

55, 57

Group 4: Revoking licenses

56, 58

Group 5: Permitted payments

9, 64

Group 6: Holding deposits

29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 65, 66, 38, 67, 39, 40, 41, 42

Group 7: Default payments

32, 33, 62, 34, 63, 59, 27

Group 8: Regulation making powers

35, 48, 49, 52, 51, 50

Group 9: Enforcement authorities

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20

Group 10: Fixed penalty notices

43, 44

Group 11: Enforcement authorities: information sharing

45, 17, 21

Group 12: Power of licensing authority to bring criminal proceedings

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Group 13: Restrictions on giving notice for possession

46, 54

Group 14: Information and guidance

25, 26, 47, 53

Group 15: Coming into force

60, 61

Supporting Documents

[Renting Homes \(Fees etc.\) \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled list of amendments](#)

[Groupings of amendments](#)

8 The Plant Health (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

(15 mins)

NDM6992 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

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9 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14/03/2019 for answer on 19/03/2019

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

First Minister

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

1 OAQ53603

(w)

Will the First Minister instruct Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to conduct a new consultation into the future of emergency vascular services in Ysbyty Gwynedd?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ53637

(e)

What discussions has the First Minister had in order to improve hospital waiting times?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

3 OAQ53635

(e)

What is the Welsh Government's strategy for eliminating plastic pollution?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

4 OAQ53611

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the progress of the development of the new schools curriculum?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5 OAQ53591

(e)

How is the Welsh Government promoting tourism in North Wales?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

6 OAQ53633

(e)

Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's response to the recent closure of the A465 between Rhigos and Glynneath?

7 **Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*
OAQ53589

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on council housing?

8 **Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*
OAQ53606

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve road safety on 'A' roads in the Monmouth constituency?

9 **Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*
OAQ53609

(e)

Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's transport priorities for South Wales Central?

10 **David J. Rowlands** *South Wales East*
OAQ53602

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the Tech Valleys programme in Ebbw Vale?

11 **Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*
OAQ53599

(e)

Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities for health services in south-east Wales?

12 **Neil McEvoy** *South Wales Central*
OAQ53600

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on access to Welsh Ministers?

13 **David Melding** *South Wales Central*
OAQ53636

(e)

What financial assistance has the Welsh Government given to local authorities to support fire safety improvements on high rise buildings?

14 **Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*
OAQ53638

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the use of construction contracts in the public sector in Wales?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

15 OAQ53620

(e)

What recent discussions has the First Minister had with the Minister for Education regarding the performance of the higher education sector?