

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Economy and Transport

(45 mins)

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

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#### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy and Transport

**Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the collapse of construction company Dawnus, which has gone into administration?



**To ask the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport**

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Swansea Bay City Deal following the publication of the Swansea Bay City Deal independent review?

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

(5 mins)

#### **Motion to elect a Member to a committee (5 mins)**

**NDM7017 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 17.3 and 17.13(ii), elects Janet Finch–Saunders (Welsh Conservatives) as a Member of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in place of David Rowlands (United Kingdom Independence Party).

#### **5 Debate: Stage 4 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill**

(15 mins)

**NDM7003 – [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill.

['Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Bill'](#)

**Supporting Document**

[Presiding Officer's Statement](#)

#### **6 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Mobile Action Plan Update**

(60 mins)

**NDM6998 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its Inquiry: Mobile Action Plan Update, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 January 2019

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 13 March 2019.

## **7 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report: Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education**

(60 mins)

**NDM6996 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report – Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 December 2018.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 1 February 2019.

## **8 Plaid Cymru debate – The Kurds in Turkey**

(30 mins)

**NDM6999 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, whilst foreign affairs is a matter currently reserved to the UK Government and Parliament, Section 62 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 provides that “The Welsh Ministers, the First Minister and the Counsel General may make appropriate representations about any matter affecting Wales”.

2. Recognises the substantial Kurdish community in Wales.

3. Notes that a resident of Wales – Imam Sis, a young Kurdish man – is on an indefinite, non-alternating hunger strike as of 17 December 2018, which was initiated to protest the isolation of the Kurdish leader Abdullah Öcalan who has been imprisoned by Turkey since 1999 under conditions which are understood to contravene the Turkish state’s legal obligations in relation to human rights.

4. Notes that hunger strikes are taking place across Europe and the world, including by Leyla Güven, an elected member of the Turkish Parliament.
5. Notes that Turkey is a signatory to several international human rights treaties, including the European Convention of Human Rights as a member of the Council of Europe.
6. Expresses its concern at the reasons behind the hunger strikes.
7. Recognises that the ultimate aim of the hunger strikes is to see a peaceful, political solution to the Kurdish question in Turkey.
8. Affirms the importance that human rights obligations are upheld in Turkey.
9. Calls on the Welsh Government, on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales, to write to the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment calling for the committee to visit Imrali Prison to assess the conditions of Abdullah Öcalan.

#### [Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

In point 3, after ‘isolation of the Kurdish’, insert ‘PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party)’.

**Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Insert new points after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the PKK is a proscribed terrorist organisation in the UK, the European Union, and the United States of America.

Condemns all terrorist acts perpetrated by the PKK and acknowledges the victims and civilians killed and caught up in their attacks.

Acknowledges the right of Turkey to defend itself against terrorist attacks by the PKK.

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

Delete point 7 and replace with:

Recognises that the aim of the hunger strikers is to enable Abdullah Öcalan access to legal representation and contact with his family.

#### **Amendment 4 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Insert new point after point 8 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the UK Government's Foreign Secretary and Her Majesty's Ambassador to Turkey have emphasised to the Turkish government the need to respect human rights, avoid civilian casualties and return to the peace process.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the PKK to abandon terrorism as a means to furthering its aims and return to the peace process.

### **9 Plaid Cymru debate – Women against state pension inequality campaign**

(30 mins)

#### **NDM7000 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the continuing women against state pension inequality campaign.
2. Calls on the UK Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the state pension age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government in support of the WASPI campaign.
4. Calls on the Counsel General to consider what action the Welsh Government could take in relation to the expected litigation against the Department for Work and Pensions for the alleged mishandling of raising the state pension age for women born in the 1950s.

**Supporter**

**[David Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#)**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete points 2 and 4 and renumber accordingly.

## **Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that successive UK Governments have communicated with affected women since the changes to women's pension ages since the Pensions Act 1995 and Pensions Act 2007 and that a public consultation exercise and extensive debates were undertaken in Parliament in relation to additional increases to the state pension age in 2011.

['Pensions Act 1995'](#)

['Pensions Act 2007'](#)

## **10 Voting Time**

## **11 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

### **NDM6997 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Fighting for Future Services – the case for protecting services at Withybush hospital.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 26 March 2019

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 13/03/2019 for answer on 20/03/2019

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

### Minister for Economy and Transport

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

1 OAQ53610

(e)

Will the Minister outline the steps the Welsh Government is taking to encourage more local businesses in South Wales West to exploit the power of artificial intelligence?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

2 OAQ53615

(e)

Will the Minister outline how environmental considerations were taken into account when developing the Welsh Government's economic action plan?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

3 OAQ53630

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote the automotive sector?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

4 OAQ53618

(e)

What use has been made by the Welsh Government of plotting the journeys of those commuting to Newport and Cardiff by car as a way of informing future public transport provision?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

5 OAQ53627

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the benefits of focusing on the foundational economy?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

6 OAQ53598

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that a transition to a digital society will have on residents in mid-Wales?

**Michelle Brown** *North Wales*

7 OAQ53628

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards putting a hard shoulder along the A55?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

8 OAQ53624

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to regenerate the economy of the Afan Valley?

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

9 OAQ53607

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the role of the foundational economy in helping to tackle poverty in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

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

10 OAQ53622

(e)

How will the Minister evaluate the work of the Valleys Taskforce?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

11 OAQ53604

(w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the north Wales growth deal in relation to business parks?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

12 OAQ53593

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Finance regarding the importance of procurement policy as an economic tool?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

13 OAQ53613

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the recent closure of the A465 between Rhigos and Glynneath?

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

14 OAQ53608

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on city deals in South Wales West?



**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

15 OAQ53614

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is looking at raising salary levels in Wales?

## Counsel General and Brexit Minister

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

1 OAQ53632

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of Brexit on the arts sector in Islwyn?

**Lynne Neagle** *Torfaen*

2 OAQ53629

(e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the Welsh Government's preparations for a no-deal Brexit?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

3 OAQ53597

(e)

What are the Counsel General's key priorities in the run-up to Brexit?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

4 OAQ53590

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for Education on the future of standardised qualifications in Europe?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

5 OAQ53617

(w)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on schemes that are nearing completion and are currently in receipt of EU structural funds?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

6 OAQ53605

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the preparations for Brexit of local government in Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

7 OAQ53619

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with counterparts in Ireland about the impact of any Brexit settlement on future trade with Wales?

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

8 OAQ53623

(e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had regarding arrangements to protect health and care services from the impact of a no-deal Brexit?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

9 OAQ53626

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the capacity of the Welsh Government to manage a no-deal exit from the EU?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

10 OAQ53592

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the UK Government's announcement that there will be no physical border in Ireland in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

11 OAQ53594

(w)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the effect that leaving the EU will have on agriculture?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

12 OAQ53625

(e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the preparedness of Wales for the scenario of leaving the EU with no deal?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

13 OAQ53612

(e)

Will the Counsel General outline the arrangements for customs checks on goods entering Wales in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

14 **Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*  
OAQ53595

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the Welsh Government's preparations for post-Brexit agriculture legislation?

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

15 OAQ53616

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the Welsh Government's preparations for Brexit?