

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 May 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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

(45 mins)

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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

No Topical Questions were accepted.

#### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

#### Committee Membership (5 mins)

NDM7049 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)



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Assembly for  
Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, removes Gareth Bennett (United Kingdom Independence Party) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

## **5 Welsh Conservatives debate – Esports**

(60 mins)

**NDM7044** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the growing impact that the esports industry is having on local economies around the world, such as the 2017 tournaments in Valencia and Cologne which attracted between 15,000 – 40,000 attendees.
2. Notes that the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport are undertaking an inquiry to explore the potential for esports in the UK, among other technology trends.
3. Welcomes the recommendations of the UK Government commissioned Bazalgette Review into the Creative Industries, which outlines recommendations for how the esports sector can underpin the UK's future economic growth, by:
  - a) raising the status of esports with government sponsored competitions, national teams, and media coverage; and
  - b) increasing the UK Government's investment by an extra £23.7 million over five years to extend the highly successful and innovative UK Games Fund and Transfuser development programmes.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) examine the potential economic benefits of the esports industry in Wales;
  - b) consult with suitable stakeholders to organise and host an international esports competition in Wales;
  - c) report on progress to the Assembly no later than 1 October 2019.

[UK Government – Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport – Independent Review of the Creative Industries – 22 September 2017](#)

**The following amendment was tabled:**

## **Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the significant investments made by the Welsh Government and its partners in recent years that has helped establish a thriving Creative Industries sector in Wales.

Notes the Welsh Government's intention to take a cross government approach to grow the esports industry in Wales, acknowledging that the Creative Industries Sector is a driving force for its continued success.

Calls on the UK Government to ensure that additional funding for creative industries is made available to Wales and other devolved administrations to exploit new opportunities in the creative economy.

## **6 Plaid Cymru debate – Health Boards**

(60 mins)

### **NDM7046 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication of the Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board report on 30 April 2019.

2. Notes that major concerns about quality of care and governance of health boards has also been highlighted in the following reports:

a) Trusted to Care: An independent Review of the Princess of Wales Hospital and Neath Port Talbot Hospital at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, 2014;

b) Donna Ockenden External Investigation into concerns raised regarding the care and treatment of patients at Tawel Fan ward, 2014; and

c) Donna Ockenden Review of the Governance Arrangements relating to the care of patients on Tawel Fan ward, 2018.

3. No longer has confidence in the current Minister for Health and Social Services in the Welsh Government to address the systemic failings raised in these, and other reports.

[Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board. 2019](#)

[Trusted to Care: An independent Review of the Princess of Wales Hospital and Neath Port Talbot Hospital at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board. 2014](#)

[Donna Ockenden External Investigation into concerns raised regarding the care and treatment of patients at Tawel Fan ward. 2014](#)

[Donna Ockenden Review of the Governance Arrangements relating to the care of patients on Tawel Fan ward. 2018](#)

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Accepts the recommendations of the report and recognises the distress and trauma caused to families;

Notes the actions being taken to secure immediate and sustained improvement in maternity services in the former Cwm Taf Health Board; and

Notes the actions being taken to identify and address any wider governance issues within Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board and across the Welsh NHS.

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate – TATA Steel and ThyssenKrupp Merger – Withdrawn**

(0 mins)

**NDM7047 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that TATA Steel and ThyssenKrupp announced that they propose to sell the Trostre steel plant in Llanelli as part of a proposed merger of both companies.

2. Further notes that trade unions representing workers at the TATA plants in Wales have said that they are now unconvinced that the merger is the best option for TATA Steel Europe and have expressed concerns that the joint venture is not a partnership of equals, and believe that future strategic decisions may prioritise the interests of the ThyssenKrupp operations over those of TATA Steel Europe.
3. Notes that the European Commission has extended the deadline of its review of the planned joint venture deal until 17 June.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to object the merger as currently proposed and to make representations on that basis to the European Union Commission, the UK Government and the Board of TATA Steel Europe.

## **8 United Kingdom Independence Party debate – Home Working**

(60 mins)

**NDM7045 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that National Work Wise Week takes place from Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May 2019.
2. Believes that home working provides more flexibility for family responsibilities, and also has wider benefits, such as less traffic and pollution, more accessible work for disabled people, and keeping premises costs down for businesses.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that all public bodies in Wales have a duty to include home working in job design and recruitment.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a specific strategy for home working within the successor project to Superfast Cymru, to ensure that people who wish to work from home are not impeded by a lack of broadband access.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

In point 4, delete:

“to develop a specific strategy for home working within the successor project to Superfast Cymru,”

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that Professor Sharon Clarke and Dr Lyn Holdsworth of Manchester Business School have stated that flexible workers, and particularly home workers, face “the potential for occupational stress to be increased as a result of work intensification, conflicts with co-workers, and disrupted information flow” and acknowledges the need for these issues to be factored into future policy making.

[Professor Sharon Clarke and Dr Lyn Holdsworth, Flexibility in the Workplace: Implications of flexible work arrangements for individuals, teams and organisations, 2017](#)

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM7040 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

The battle for better broadband

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 May 2019

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 30/04/2019 for answer on 08/05/2019

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

### Minister for Economy and Transport

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

1 OAQ53813

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on supporting rural public transport in Carmarthenshire?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

2 OAQ53806

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the cost of rail travel in mid-Wales?

**Sian Gwenllïan** *Arfon*

3 OAQ53796

(w)

Will the Minister provide an update on plans to develop businesses in Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor?

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

4 OAQ53810

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Japan on Wales?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

5 OAQ53808

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve skills training in Wales?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

6 OAQ53792

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Valleys Taskforce as it affects Blaenau Gwent?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

7 OAQ53822

(e)

Will the Minister set out the Welsh Government's policy for transport in inner-urban areas in Wales?

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

8 OAQ53820

(e)

What discussions is the Welsh Government having with Cardiff Airport officials regarding the expansion of its freight services and business zone?

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

9 OAQ53818

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update regarding recent progress made on the A465 section 5 and 6 improvements?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

10 OAQ53804

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on recent damage to the Conwy Valley railway line?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

11 OAQ53814

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to develop the economy of north Anglesey?

## **Counsel General and Brexit Minister**

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

1 OAQ53815

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had regarding the future of the waste incineration directive post Brexit?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

2 OAQ53819

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the distribution of financial support to community-based enterprises through the Wales European Funding Office?

**Sian Gwenllïan** *Arfon*



3 OAQ53799

(w)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to prepare for a people's vote on the UK's exit from the EU?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

4 OAQ53800

(e)

What is the Welsh Government's policy on implementing the decision made in the EU referendum?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

5 OAQ53812

(e)

What steps is the Counsel General taking to work with all local authorities across Wales in preparation for a no-deal Brexit?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

6 OAQ53805

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on whether the Welsh Government has undertaken an analysis of the possible effects of Brexit on supply chains in Wales?

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

7 OAQ53802

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the European Transition Fund?

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

8 OAQ53811

(e)

What recent discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the impact of Brexit on the Welsh NHS?