

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 17 September 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

226 (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 Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his "law officer" responsibilities)

(30 mins)

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3 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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4 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Improving Security of Tenure

(30 mins)



5 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Designed to Smile – 10 years of improving children's oral health in Wales – Issued as a Written Statement

(0 mins)

6 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Implications for Wales of the UK Government's 2019 Spending Round

(45 mins)

7 Statement by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister: Brexit Update

(30 mins)

8 Debate: Valleys Taskforce

(60 mins)

NDM7129 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys in supporting economic development across the region.

2. Notes the update on the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys published on 18th July.

3. Welcomes the seven updated priority areas and the extension of the taskforce to include the Gwendraeth and Amman Valleys.

4. Welcomes the empty home grant scheme that will be rolled out to all local authorities within the taskforce area during this financial year.

[Written Statement: Update on the Ministerial taskforce for the south Wales Valleys](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes that the best way to improve the lives and communities of those who live in the Valleys is through providing quality, long-term employment opportunities, empowering people to fulfil their potential and to take ownership in their own communities.

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

Delete points 2 and 3 replace with:

Regrets that the 'Our Valleys, Our Future' delivery plan lacks sufficient ambition to help support the Valleys communities.

[The Valleys Taskforce: Delivering change for the South Wales Valleys](#)

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the 40 per cent increase in the number of empty homes in Wales since 2009 and the need for funding and enforcement solutions to bring these back into use in order to address the housing issues within the taskforce area.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide information on the expected tangible outcomes and submit a detailed plan that outlines the benefits of the taskforce on a valley-by-valley basis and progress in delivering those outcomes.

Amendment 5 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to draw up a specific budget line for the Valleys taskforce to be included in the Welsh Government's upcoming budget.

Amendment 6 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a special temporary committee to be established with a specific remit to hold the Minister to account on the work of the Valleys Taskforce and for the membership of the committee to be made up of Assembly Members representing valleys constituencies.

Amendment 7 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the opportunities to enhance Our Valleys, Our Future as a result of funding announcements by the UK Government which will provide an extra £600 million in 2019–2020 to the Welsh block grant.

9 Debate on the General Principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

NDM7130 – [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

[The Children \(Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Assembly on 25 March 2019;

The report of Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Assembly on 2 August 2019.

Supporting Documents

[The Children, Young People and Education Committee Report](#)

[The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report](#)

[Finance Committee Report](#)

10 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

(5 mins)

NDM7131 – [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

11 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 18 September 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 12/09/2019 for answer on 17/09/2019

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

First Minister

David Rees *Aberavon*

OAQ54303

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with counterparts in the UK Government about the future of the steel industry in Wales?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

OAQ54326

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

Will the First Minister make a statement on the additional funding recently provided to the Welsh Government by the UK Government?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

OAQ54294

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

Will the First Minister make a statement regarding safety on the M4 in the Swansea area?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

OAQ54347

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

What further contingency planning has the Welsh Government undertaken for the people of Islwyn following the publication of the Operation Yellowhammer document?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

OAQ54316

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of nitrogen dioxide levels along the A470 corridor in South Wales Central?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*
OAQ54313

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

Will the First Minister make a statement on the performance of services provided by Transport for Wales?

Carwyn Jones *Bridgend*
OAQ54350

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

What measures are in place to prevent avoidance of extra council tax on second homes?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*
OAQ54351

(w)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

Will the First Minister make a statement on the decision to end the current free swimming scheme?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*
OAQ54339

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact a no-deal Brexit will have on Welsh universities?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*
OAQ54310

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

Will the First Minister outline what action the Welsh Government is taking to support care homes in north Wales?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*
OAQ54329

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to meet future housing demand?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*
OAQ54352

(e)

Tabled on 12/09/2019

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

Counsel General

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

OAQ54312

(e)

Tabled on 10/09/2019

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the Welsh Government's recent application to the High Court to intervene in legal action with regard to prorogation?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

OAQ54325

(e)

Tabled on 10/09/2019

What discussions has the Counsel General had with cabinet colleagues in developing legislative proposals to deliver vehicle emission reductions?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

OAQ54308

(e)

Tabled on 10/09/2019

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the Welsh Government's intervention in the High Court prorogation case, ahead of the Supreme Court appeal?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

OAQ54307

(e)

Tabled on 10/09/2019

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the cost to the taxpayer of the Welsh Government joining the failed High Court case concerning prorogation?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

OAQ54314

(e)

Tabled on 10/09/2019

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the future of devolved powers in Wales?