

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

231(v3)

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 & Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were received

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Members to the committee on Assembly Electoral Reform (5 mins)

NDM7157 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)



To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

Huw Irranca-Davies (Welsh Labour), Delyth Jewell (Plaid Cymru), and David Rowlands (Brexit Party) as members of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform.

5 Standards of Conduct Committee report – Report 02–19

(15 mins)

NDM7148 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 02–19 [laid](#) before the Assembly on 18 September 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

6 Standards of Conduct Committee report – Report 03–19

(15 mins)

NDM7149 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 03–19 [laid](#) before the Assembly on 19 September 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Historic Industrial Infrastructure

(60 mins)

NDM7143 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the rich and diverse network of historic industrial infrastructure across Wales.

2. Notes the economic, regeneration and integrated transport potential of re-opening disused railway lines and tunnels across Wales.
3. Recognises the practical and financial challenges of bringing such infrastructure back into use.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to seek ownership of such infrastructure which would aid funding opportunities to be sought.
5. Calls on the UK and Welsh Governments to play its part in exploring the practical opportunities for re-opening such infrastructure across Wales.

Co – Submitters

[Leanne Wood \(Rhondda\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

8 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report: Dentistry in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM7150 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: A Fresh Start: Inquiry into dentistry in Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 May 2019.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 July 2019.

9 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report: Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language

(60 mins)

NDM7151 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 July.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 September 2019.

10 Welsh Conservatives debate – GCSE and A–Level Results

(60 mins)

NDM7153 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes this summer's GCSE and A–Level results in Wales.
2. Regrets that the GCSE A*–C results in summer 2019 were worse than in summer 2007.
3. Further regrets the fall in the percentage of learners securing A*–C GCSE grades in English, maths and Welsh second language.
4. Notes that Welsh Government research has found that performance against key indicators for years 4–9 have deteriorated.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to acknowledge its failure to significantly improve GCSE and A–Level attainment in Wales and apologise to pupils, parents and schools for letting them down.

[Welsh Government / Statistics for Wales, Academic achievement of pupils aged 4 to 14 in core subjects, 7 August 2019](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

After point 1, delete all and replace with:

Congratulates pupils, teachers and school staff for their hard work and strong set of results.

Welcomes that:

- a) A–Level results this summer remained at a historic high;
- b) compared to English regions and Northern Ireland, Wales improved A–Level ranking for all grades and, for the first time ever, is rated first for A*;
- c) overall GCSE results showed improvement this summer;
- d) the increase of over 50 per cent in science GCSE entries since 2016, and increases this year in the percentage of pupils gaining A*–A and A*–C grades in science subjects;

e) the number of pupils achieving A*-C in Welsh second language full course increased by 12.5 per cent;

f) the number of pupils who sat GCSE English literature increased by 22.8 per cent, with over 2,800 more achieving A*-C grades compared with 2018.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3 and 4 will be de-selected]

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

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Believes that it's not possible to make meaningful comparisons with GCSE and A-level results from previous years for a number of reasons.

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

Add new points after point 4, and re-number accordingly:

Notes the Estyn findings that pupils who attend half the secondary schools in Wales are unable to reach their full potential by the time they leave school.

Believes that the pupil-teacher relationship is key to academic attainment and that schools must be sufficiently funded in order to raise standards.

Calls for improvements to teachers' conditions of employment, and abolish bureaucracy and unnecessary intervention, in order to strengthen academic achievement.

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide sufficient funding for our schools and move spending towards preventative services within its next budget, in order to create the conditions that will enable our pupils and teachers to succeed.

[Estyn, The Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales 2017-2018](#)

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

In point 5, delete "to acknowledge its failure to significantly improve GCSE and A-Level attainment in Wales and apologise to pupils, parents and schools for letting them down" and replace with "to apologise that the current education system does not allow half the pupils in Welsh schools to achieve their full potential".

Amendment 5 – [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Believes that Welsh GCSE and A-Level learners are being harmed by recent changes that water down school accountability and calls on the Welsh Government to reverse this trend.

11 Voting Time

12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7152 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Caring for care homes: how we could do more to care for care homes in Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 October 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 25/09/2019 for answer on 02/10/2019

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

Minister for Economy and Transport

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

1 OAQ54424

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on public transport provision in Cardiff?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OAQ54430

(e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to assist small business growth in Wales?

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

3 OAQ54419

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the roll-out of new trains for the Rhondda as part of the new rail franchise?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

4 OAQ54423

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government will improve disabled access to railways in Wales?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

5 OAQ54410

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had about maximising the benefits of the construction of sections 5 and 6 of the A465 Heads of the Valleys road?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

6 OAQ54404

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for small businesses in Pembrokeshire?

7 **Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*
OAQ54441

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the work being carried out to extend the frequency of rail services on the Maesteg line?

8 **Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*
OAQ54414

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the planned improvements to transport infrastructure in mid-Wales?

9 **Lynne Neagle** *Torfaen*
OAQ54412

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve bus services in the south Wales valleys?

10 **John Griffiths** *Newport East*
OAQ54432

(e)

Will the Minister provide a statement on rail services in south-east Wales?

11 **Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*
OAQ54435

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's role in developing the new Cardiff bus station?

12 **Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*
OAQ54402

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how Welsh Government policies are creating jobs in south-east Wales?

Counsel General and Brexit Minister

1 **Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*
OAQ54438

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on how many businesses have sought support and advice from the Welsh Government's Brexit portal?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ54436

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with European Union officials regarding Brexit?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

3 OAQ54426

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General held regarding Brexit following the UK Supreme Court's recent prorogation judgment?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

4 OAQ54420

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of a no-deal Brexit on third sector organisations in Wales?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

5 OAQ54434

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with opposition parties in relation to the Welsh Government's position on Brexit?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

6 OAQ54405

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the Welsh Government's Brexit preparation plans for Pembrokeshire?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

7 OAQ54417

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of local authority planning and preparations for a potential no-deal Brexit?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

8 OAQ54443

(w)

What discussion has the Counsel General held with the UK Government regarding safeguarding Wales's interests in the Brexit process after 31 October 2019?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

9 OAQ54422

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government about holding a second referendum on Brexit?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

10 OAQ54444

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the outcome of the Supreme Court prorogation case following the judgment passed on 24 September 2019?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

11 OAQ54440

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General held with the UK Government on emerging proposals for an alternative to the backstop arrangements relating to the UK's exit from the EU?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

12 OAQ54409

(e)

What preparations has the Welsh Government made for the UK's exit from the EU?