

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 December 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

David Rees (Aberavon) Will the Minister provide an update following the announcement by Tata Steel of 1000 job losses in the UK?

To ask the First Minister



Leanne Wood (Rhondda): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the threat to Welsh citizens following the terror attack in London last Friday?

Will be answered by the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report: Community and District Nursing Services

(30 mins)

NDM7210 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: Community and district nursing services, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 August 2019.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 23 September 2019.

6 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Empty Properties

(60 mins)

NDM7212 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Empty Properties', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 October 2019.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 November 2019.

7 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report – Regional Skills Partnerships

(60 mins)

NDM7213 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its Inquiry into: Regional Skills Partnerships which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 October 2019.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 27 November 2019.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – Brexit and Future Trade

(60 mins)

NDM7214 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

- a) the UK is currently due to leave the EU on 31 January 2020;
- b) informal trade negotiations between the UK and US concerning a future trade deal has begun, which reportedly include references to the marketisation of patents/NHS drug pricing;
- c) international treaties are outside the scope of powers of the National Assembly for Wales;
- d) Section 82 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 allows the Secretary of State to direct Welsh Ministers to take any action required for the purposes of giving effect to any international obligation.

2. Believes that:

- a) Wales's future would be best served by continued membership of the EU and that a referendum should be held between remain and a credible leave option;
- b) the Welsh NHS should not be forced by the UK Government to open up its market for greater private provision, or have increased drug costs imposed upon

it as a result of any international agreement that extends patents and restricts use of generic drugs;

c) a future trade deal between the UK and the US which included provisions relating to the NHS would be a disaster for the Welsh NHS;

d) the health care system in the United States has failed to properly regulate the marketing and prescribing of Opioids, and notes that this inadequate regulatory environment has contributed to over 70,000 deaths in the U.S from opioid overdoses in 2018, and this is just one example of the dangers of deregulation that could follow a trade agreement written in the interests of US pharmaceutical companies;

e) the UK Government should not be able to direct Welsh Ministers to take actions in devolved fields which have the potential to detrimentally affect Welsh public services.

3. Calls for:

a) the devolved parliaments of the UK to be given a veto over trade matters which have the potential to affect devolved fields;

b) Welsh MPs to support the NHS protection bill due to be introduced in Westminster in the new term;

c) Section 82 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to be repealed.

[Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

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. Notes that Wales voted to leave the European Union in June 2016.

2. Believes that the outcome of referendums should always be implemented.

3. Welcomes the opportunities for Wales which will arise as a result of new free trade agreements post the United Kingdom's departure from the EU.

4. Recognises that, under the devolved settlement, responsibility for international treaties is a matter for the UK Government.

5. Acknowledges the assurances provided by the UK Government regarding market access to the NHS in future trade deals.

[If Amendment 1 is agreed amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls for:

- a) The devolved institutions to have a formal role in negotiations on international agreements when devolved competence is engaged, applying at all stages of negotiations and having statutory backing.
- b) A UK-wide constitutional convention to ensure that future constitutional arrangements reflect this and prevent the UK Government over-riding the National Assembly where it is acting within devolved competence.

Looks forward to the election of a UK Government which is fully committed to safeguarding the NHS in Wales and across the UK.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate – No motion tabled

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 December 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 27/11/2019 for answer on 04/12/2019

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Minister for Economy and Transport

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

1 OAQ54785

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of rolling stock on the Rhymney to Cardiff rail line?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

2 OAQ54790

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on grant funding for local businesses in Aberconwy?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

3 OAQ54789

(e)

What steps will the Welsh Government take to support the economy in South Wales Central over the next 12 months?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

4 OAQ54788

(e)

What initiatives does the Welsh Government have in place to improve the economy of Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

5 OAQ54802

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities for improving public transport within the northern valleys?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

6 OAQ54787

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the refurbishment of railway stations in Wales?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

7 OAQ54782

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on plans to improve the trunk road network in Monmouthshire?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

8 OAQ54806

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding changes to train timetabling in west Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

9 OAQ54775

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on developing the well-paid economic sectors in Swansea?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

10 OAQ54786

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is supporting the economy of north-east Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

11 OAQ54779

(e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have for further transport infrastructure investment in North Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

12 OAQ54792

(e)

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to improve road safety in Newport East?

Counsel General and Brexit Minister

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

1 OAQ54800

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for Education regarding the provision of education post-Brexit?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

2 OAQ54780

(e)

What provision is the Welsh Government making for cross-border co-operation within Britain post-Brexit?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

3 OAQ54791

(e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding planning for a no-deal Brexit?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

4 OAQ54796

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact that holding another referendum on Brexit will have on the Welsh economy?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

5 OAQ54795

(e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding the status of EU foreign nationals residing in Cardiff Central, in the event of the UK leaving the EU in the next couple of months?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

6 OAQ54797

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the implications of Brexit for the Welsh NHS?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

7 OAQ54794

(e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with national UK political party leaders on the subject of a second EU referendum?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

8 OAQ54801

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General held regarding the future relationship between the European Union and the Welsh Government?

9 ~~Wllk Howell~~ *Cynon Valley*

(e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on discussions regarding the future working of the shared prosperity fund?