

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

(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 Minister for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services:

Caroline Jones (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline the steps being taken by Public Health Wales and NHS Wales to protect the public from Coronavirus?

(TAQ387)



Leanne Wood (Rhondda): How does the Welsh Government intend to meet demand for Accident and Emergency services in the Rhondda and beyond if 24-hour A&E services are reduced at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital? (TAQ386)

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Motion to alter the name and remit of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

(5 mins)

NDM7242 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

The National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, agrees to alter the name and remit of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, so that they are as follows:

- a) the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee;
- b) to carry out the functions of the responsible committee set out in Standing Order 21 and to consider any other matter relating to legislation, justice and the constitution within or relating to the competence of the Assembly or the Welsh Ministers, including the quality of legislation.

[Business Committee Report](#)

Motion to Elect a Member to the Assembly's Commission (5 mins)

NDM7261 - [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 7.9, appoints Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Assembly Commission.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Departure from the European Union

(60 mins)

NDM7241 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the people of Wales voted to leave the European Union in the referendum held on the 23 June 2016.

2. Believes that the outcome of referendums should always be implemented.
3. Acknowledges that Wales, along with the rest of the United Kingdom, will leave the European Union at 23.00 on 31 January 2020.
4. Recognises the potential benefits to Wales, of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, including:
 - a) striking new free trade agreements;
 - b) creating a fairer immigration system which does not discriminate against people on the basis of where they may come from;
 - c) establishing a new approach to regional investment.
5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to engage positively with the UK Government as the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes that the people of Wales voted to leave the European Union in the referendum held on the 23 June 2016 and that Wales, along with the rest of the United Kingdom, will leave the European Union at 23.00 on 31 January 2020.
2. Recognises that there are benefits as well as challenges arising from the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.
3. Believes that the challenges may include a significant threat to the future of the United Kingdom itself; that therefore significant reform to the constitution is needed to fully embed devolution; and that the negotiation of Free Trade Agreements with the EU and other countries, without the meaningful involvement of the devolved administrations could risk undermining the devolution settlement; and regrets that this was not recognised by the UK Government during the passage of the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act in the UK Parliament.
4. Supports the 20-point plan put forward by the Welsh Government in 'Reforming our Union' which will ensure that devolution becomes an established part of the constitution once the UK leaves the EU.

5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to continue to engage positively with the UK Government and to speak up for the interests of Wales as the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

[EU \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Act](#)

[Reforming our Union](#)

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – NHS Performance

(60 mins)

NDM7244 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the latest NHS performance statistics and regrets the continued failure to achieve performance targets across a range of specialities and services.
2. Regrets the cancellation of planned operations to deal with winter pressures and believes it is possible to plan for dealing with winter pressures whilst ensuring routine procedures continue.
3. Believes that staff in the NHS and social care should be congratulated for their performance under difficult circumstances.
4. Believes that improvements in the NHS can only be sustained in the long run if:
 - a) social care services have parity of esteem with the NHS, and regrets that social care services have been under-funded at the expense of the NHS;
 - b) substantial investment in services that prevent ill health takes place;
 - c) improvements to working conditions and workforce planning take place to improve recruitment and retention of NHS and social care staff.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that some Welsh health boards are delaying recruitment due to financial pressures which is exacerbating poor performance and pressure on frontline staff.

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Recognises the impact a decade of unjust UK driven austerity has on the resources available to fund public services including health and social care and believes that improvements in the NHS can only be sustained in the long run if:

- a) NHS and social care work together as equal partners;
- b) investment continues across both systems to support people to stay well and out of hospital;
- c) there remains a focus on the recruitment, retention and wellbeing of our health and care workforce supported by the joint health and social care workforce strategy.

[If Amendment 2 is agreed amendments 3 and 4 will be de-selected]

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

In point 4 (a) delete ', and regrets that social care services have been under-funded at the expense of the NHS'.

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

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'the artificial barriers between mental and physical health are removed.'

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the opportunities to invest additional resources into the Welsh NHS and social care services to boost performance as a result of real terms increases in the Welsh block grant.

8 Brexit Party Debate – Fisheries

(60 mins)

NDM7243 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the historic importance of fisheries to Wales.

2. Welcomes the fact that, after years of inaction, the United Kingdom will leave the European Union at the end of this week.

3. Calls upon the Welsh and UK Governments to maximise the benefits to Wales of the Welsh fisheries as we complete the Brexit process.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the historic importance of fisheries to Welsh coastal communities, industries and environment.

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government and UK Government to take all necessary steps to secure the future of Wales's fisheries.

[If Amendment 1 is agreed amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

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

Delete point 2.

[If Amendment 2 is agreed amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Recognises the significant importance of the European Union as a destination for Welsh seafood produce and seeks to ensure that this market remains open and easily accessible in the future.

Calls for the UK Government's forthcoming fisheries bill to ensure that UK and devolved legislation delivers truly sustainable and accountable fisheries management that minimises the impact on the marine environment and supports dependent coastal communities.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that, upon leaving the EU, we will leave the Common Fisheries Policy and become an independent coastal state, taking back control of our waters in December 2020.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to; increase funding for fisheries across the UK's nations throughout the current parliament, and support the regeneration of our coastal communities.

Amendment 6 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a new fishing strategy which would be based on the principle of 'maximum sustainable yield', and would legally require the Welsh Government to maintain fish sustainability for every stock.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

NDM7245 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

Wales and the cultural economy: the economic benefits of the creative industries and the arts in a creative Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 February 2020

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 22/01/2020 for answer on 29/01/2020

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

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1 OAQ54981

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's fuel poverty strategy?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

2 OAQ54997

(e)

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to develop its policy for managing natural resources in towns and cities?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

3 OAQ54980

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations set out in the urgent review of the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 that was commissioned in October 2019?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*

4 OAQ54992

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the proposed introduction of nitrate vulnerable zones in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

5 OAQ54979

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards the implementation of Lucy's Law to regulate puppy farming in Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

6 OAQ54990

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on monitoring air quality in North Wales?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

7 OAQ55004

(e)

What actions is the Welsh Government taking to ensure high welfare standards in breeding establishments in Wales?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

8 OAQ55003

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's TB eradication programme?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

9 OAQ54994

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the future of nuclear energy production in Wales?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

10 OAQ54987

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on electricity generation from renewable energy sources in mid Wales?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

11 OAQ55012

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government oversight of Natural Resources Wales?

Minister for Housing and Local Government

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1 OAQ54982

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding the operations of the Post Office in Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OAQ54991

(w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the relationship between population forecasts and local development plans?

3 Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*
OAQ55010

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the steps available to local government to prevent second homes being registered as businesses?

4 Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*
OAQ55005

(w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of a high percentage of second homes on housing need within communities?

5 Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*
OAQ54986

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's proposals to tackle single-use plastics?

6 Michelle Brown *North Wales*
OAQ54999

(e)

What assessment has been made of how the Welsh Government's housing strategy influences planning decisions made by local authorities?

7 Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*
OAQ55011

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities in Mid and West Wales about how they could work with third sector organisations to provide services?

8 Mandy Jones *North Wales*
OAQ54996

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans for local government in Wales?

9 Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*
OAQ55001

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to provide affordable housing in South Wales Central?

10 David Melding *South Wales Central*
OAQ55006

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on fire safety issues identified at the Celestia apartment complex in Cardiff Bay?