

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

267(v6)

1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(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 Finance and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his "law officer" responsibilities) –

Postponed from Tuesday 10 March 2020

(15 mins)

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4 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(30 mins)

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5 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

David Rees (Aberavon): Following yesterday's announcement by Tata Steel regarding the number of job losses in the UK, will the Minister make a statement on the impact these losses will have in Wales, and in particular the plant in Port Talbot?

6 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

7 Motion to amend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NDM7295 – [Elin Jones](#)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 12 – Proxy Voting' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 March 2020.
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 12 and make consequential changes to Standing Order 17, as set out in Annex B of the report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes are temporary, and will cease to have effect on 6 April 2021.

8 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Equal Opportunities Audit

(30 mins)

NDM7247 – [Helen Mary Jones](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to provide an equal opportunities audit for firms in receipt of Welsh Government grants.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

- a) improve and encourage equal opportunities in the private sector in Wales; and
- b) build on the findings of Fair Work Wales: Report of the Fair Work Commission.

[Fair Work Wales: Report of the Fair Work Commission](#)

9 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Early Cancer Diagnosis

(60 mins)

NDM7238 – [David Rees](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that early diagnosis of cancer improves survival chances.
2. Notes that the World Health Organisation recommends that all nations should have a strategy on cancer.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that its new cancer delivery plan includes greater emphasis on earlier diagnosis for patients and for it to be in place when the existing plan ends in 2020.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to take action to improve uptake of cancer screening programmes.

Co-Submitters

[Angela Burns](#)

[Dai Lloyd](#)

[Mike Hedges](#)

[Jayne Bryant](#)

[Caroline Jones](#)

10 Plaid Cymru Debate – A&E services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

(30 mins)

NDM7296 – [Siân Gwenllian](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that responsibility for the NHS lies with the Welsh Government.
2. Calls on the Minister for Health and Social Services to support the retention of a 24 hour consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.
3. Recognises that recruitment is key to the retention of a consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.
4. In order to help recruitment, calls on the Health Minister to rescind the decision made in 2014 to remove the consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital as part of the South Wales Programme.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales notes that:

- a) in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, the responsibility for the delivery of NHS services in Wales in geographical areas is the statutory responsibility of the respective local health boards;
- b) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently reviewing its provision for the delivery of accident and emergency services in the health board area which are specific to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital;
- c) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is currently considering a number of options relating to this service;
- d) Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is carrying out data, modelling and recruitment analysis, staff and public engagement to inform a decision by their board;
- e) no decision has yet been taken in regard to the future of accident and emergency provision at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

[National Health Service \(Wales\) Act 2006](#)

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

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

Insert as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the resolution of the National Assembly for Wales on the 12 February 2020 in relation to the retention of 24 hour consultant-led emergency services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has failed to learn lessons from previous health board restructuring exercises and have not ensured that the principles on public engagement enshrined in 'A Healthier Wales' are adhered to by health boards.

[A Healthier Wales – Welsh Government](#)

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board consults with their communities in a timely and inclusive manner.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board's recent oral evidence to the Assembly's Health, Social Care and Sports Committee on 27 February 2020 that the board had not been actively recruiting emergency department consultants to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

11 Plaid Cymru Debate – Coverage of the Six Nations

(30 mins)

NDM7297 – [Siân Gwenllian](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of sport of all kinds to cultural and civic identity in Wales.

2. Believes that the ability to enjoy sports should be as accessible as possible to the widest range of our nation's population.

3. Is concerned about reports that coverage of the six nations rugby matches will only be available to view on a pay-per-view basis in the future.

4. Believes that access to national rugby coverage is key to ensuring that young people participate in grass roots rugby.

5. Believes that the coverage of Wales six nations rugby games should continue to be available for all to view for free and calls on the Welsh Government to do everything in its ability to achieve this.

12 Voting Time

13 Short Debate

NDM7294- [Vikki Howells](#)

Fate of the coalfields: the impact of devolution on coalfield communities; the current challenges they face and some questions regarding their future prosperity.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 04/03/2020 for answer on 11/03/2020

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

Minister for Health and Social Services

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

1 OAQ55228

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on perinatal mental health services for women in Arfon?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

2 OAQ55225

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Coronavirus Action Plan to safeguard the citizens of Islwyn?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ55201

(e)

What steps is the Minister taking to improve access to health support for veterans?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

4 OAQ55219

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on any progress made in the recruitment of a new chief executive for the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

5 OAQ55216

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on accident and emergency preparedness in South Wales West for coronavirus?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

6 OAQ55199

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government ensures high standards of care in the Welsh NHS?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

7 OAQ55232

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on financial support for Welsh victims of the contaminated blood scandal?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

8 OAQ55197

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government will improve health services in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area over the next 12 months?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

9 OAQ55221

(e)

Will the Minister outline the actions the Welsh Government is taking to improve renal services in Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

10 OAQ55230

(e)

What further measures will the Welsh Government take to address child health inequalities in Wales?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

11 OAQ55224

(e)

Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to support people living with eating disorders?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

12 OAQ55210

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's priorities for improving the health service over the coming year?

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

1 OAQ55207

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh rates of income tax?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OAQ55227

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Housing and Local Government in relation to how the Welsh Government can help fund plans to reduce the number of empty houses in North Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ55202

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding access to emergency financial support for residents affected by recent flooding?

David Rees *Aberavon*

4 OAQ55234

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Chancellor prior to the publication of the UK Government's budget?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

5 OAQ55204

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding any additional funding that will be provided to the Welsh Government to deal with damage caused by storms Ciara and Dennis?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

6 OAQ55212

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the UK Chancellor's budget statement?

David J. Rowlands *South Wales East*

7 OAQ55200

Withdrawn

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government ensures value for money in its annual budget?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

8 OAQ55192

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's budget prioritisation process?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

9 OAQ55233

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

10 OAQ55195

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the value for money of any loans provided to external bodies?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

11 OAQ55194

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the work of the Welsh Government's Chief Digital Officer?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

12 OAQ55209

Withdrawn

(e)

What consideration has the Minister given to funding the promotion of kinder communities when allocating the Welsh Government's budget?

Counsel General

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OAQ55206

(e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding the legal impact of the UN's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

2 OAQ55203

(e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General given to the Welsh Government in relation to the possibility of establishing family drug and alcohol courts in Wales?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

3 OAQ55205

(e)

What legal representations has the Counsel General made on behalf of the Welsh Government in support of the Backto60 appeal about the alleged mishandling of raising the state pension age for women born in the 1950s?

Assembly Commission

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

1 OAQ55226

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the flags flown on the Assembly estate?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ55211

(e)

What action is the Commission taking to raise awareness amongst those newly eligible to vote of their right to do so in the May 2021 Senedd elections?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ55196

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on what advice is given to Assembly Commission staff in relation to the containment of coronavirus?