

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education

(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 International Relations and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 3.

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent): Will the Minister make a statement in response to the UK Government’s announcement on support for business and the economy made on 17 March 2020?



4 Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM7309 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow the remaining items of business to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday, 18 March 2020.

5 Motion to amend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM7310 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee ‘Amending Standing Orders: Changes resulting from the change of the name of the institution’ [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 March 2020; and
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex A of the Report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect on 6 May 2020.

6 Motion to alter the name of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform to the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform

(5 mins)

NNDM7311 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

The National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3:

1. Agrees to alter the name of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform to the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform.
2. Notes that this change will come into effect on 6 May 2020.

7 Motion to amend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM7312 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee ‘Assembly Business and Extraordinary Circumstances’ [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 March 2020.
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders, as set out in Annex A of the report of the Business Committee.
3. Notes that these changes are temporary, and will cease to have effect on the dissolution of this Assembly.

8 Motion to Elect an Acting Chair and a designated Temporary Presiding Officer

(5 mins)

NNDM7313 – [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 6.24D, elects David Melding as Acting Chair under the terms specified under Standing Order 6.24E
2. in accordance with Standing Order 6.24A, elects David Melding as the designated Temporary Presiding Officer

9 90 Second Statements – POSTPONED

(0 mins)

10 Debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report: UK international agreements after Brexit: A role for the Assembly – POSTPONED

(0 mins)

NNDM7302 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on UK international agreements after Brexit – A role for the Assembly, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 December 2019.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 5 February 2020.

11 Debate on Petition P-05-912 Supporting Families with Sudden and Unexpected Death in Children and Young Adults – POSTPONED

(0 mins)

NDM7301 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the petition ‘P-05-912 Supporting Families with Sudden and Unexpected Death in Children and Young Adults’ which received 5,682 signatures.

[P-05-912 Supporting Families with Sudden and Unexpected Death in Children and Young Adults](#)

12 Brexit Party Debate – Animal Cruelty – POSTPONED

(0 mins)

NDM7299 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of ending animal cruelty in Wales.
2. Supports the ban on the fur trade.
3. Recognises the barbaric nature of snares and the suffering they cause.
4. Is concerned that a loophole in existing legislation has allowed fur trapping to continue for foxes, rabbits and mink.
5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to bring forward legislation to ban fur trapping and the use of snares in Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls for the ending of all forms of animal cruelty in Wales through:

- a) animal welfare legislation that is progressively and constantly strengthened;
 - b) animal welfare policies that are in line with the best available scientific evidence and highest ethical standards;
 - c) effective enforcement of the law through police and their rural crime teams;
 - d) more coordinated action between Welsh Government, police, local authorities and wildlife organisations;
 - e) building a culture of respect and compassion for all life.
2. Supports the Hunting Act 2004, believes that the hunting of foxes with dogs is barbaric, and opposes any weakening of the Hunting Act 2004.
3. Congratulates the Welsh Government on its current policies to guard against animal cruelty in Wales, particularly in relation to eradicating Bovine TB amongst cattle.

[Hunting Act 2004](#)

13 Voting Time

14 Short Debate – WITHDRAWN

NDM7303 [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

The role of the Wales Development Bank in supporting housing and development.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 March 2020

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11/03/2020 for answer on 18/03/2020

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

Minister for Education

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

1 OAQ55258

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the support provided to deaf young people in education in order to improve their chances of employment?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ55267

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the materials and resources available to teach Welsh history in schools?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ55254

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the advice given to teachers about coronavirus?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

4 OAQ55262

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with exam boards about the potential impact of coronavirus?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

5 OAQ55257

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on school standards in Wales?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

6 OAQ55270

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the provision of ongoing training for teachers working in Wales?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

7 OAQ55248

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the latest guidance for schools in South Wales Central in light of the coronavirus outbreak?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

8 OAQ55240

(e)

Will the Minister outline the way in which compulsory school age pupils within the Cynon Valley are taught the importance of healthy relationships?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

9 OAQ55247

(e)

How is the Welsh Government removing barriers to access for disabled pupils in school?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

10 OAQ55273

(e)

What actions is the Welsh Government taking to encourage girls to consider all career options?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

11 OAQ55264

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in South Wales Central?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

12 OAQ55253

(e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that the education system is equipping young people with necessary life skills?

Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

1 OAQ55252

(e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to the tourism industry to mitigate the impact that coronavirus may have in Wales?

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

2 OAQ55244

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government efforts to boost trade with the United States of America?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

3 OAQ55268

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting international town twinning initiatives across Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4 OAQ55260

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to strengthen links and relations between Wales and the world?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

5 OAQ55259

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy for the preservation of scheduled ancient monuments in Wales?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

6 OAQ55272

(e)

What assessment has been made of the impact of coronavirus on cultural events, particularly Welsh language events such as Eisteddfod yr Urdd?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

7 OAQ55263

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting tourism in south Wales?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

8 OAQ55271

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government aims to promote Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire to an international market?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

9 OAQ55249

(e)

What engagement has the Minister had with existing and well-established inward investors in Wales to extend commercial relations internationally?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

10 OAQ55241

(e)

Will the Welsh Government provide an update on its work to protect and promote the historic environment in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

11 OAQ55246

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting tourism in North Wales?