

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y_Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 1 July 2020

Meeting time: 11.00

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This meeting will be held by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that:

- The quorum for any vote to be valid is four Members, in accordance with Standing Order 34.10; and
- In accordance with Standing Order 34.11, each political group (or grouping formed for the purposes of Standing Order 11) may nominate one Member of the group or grouping to carry the same number of votes as there are members of the group or in the case of a political group with an executive role, the members of that group plus any other members of the government.

The Llywydd also gives notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings will be published as usual.

1 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(15 mins)

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

(30 mins)

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4 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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

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5 Questions to the Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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6 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(20 mins)

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7 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

Jack Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on discussions held between the Welsh and UK governments following the announcement of job losses at Airbus?

8 Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: The Climate Emergency

(45 mins)

9 Debate: Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum on The Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020

(15 mins)

NDM7340 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 30A.10, that the Secretary of State makes The Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020, in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in Table Office on 4 May 2020.

The Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 4 May 2020 in accordance with Standing Order 30A.2.

Supporting Document

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

10 Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee debate on the effects of COVID-19 on Wales' Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

(60 mins)

NDM7341 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the reports of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee: The impact of COVID-19: Summary of initial findings which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2020 and The impact of COVID-19: Skills – early findings which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 19 June 2020.

Supporting Documents – [Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee](#)

11 Plaid Cymru debate – Proposed New Curriculum

(60 mins)

NDM7342 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Declares its general support for the purpose of the proposed new curriculum, which is to enable learners to develop as:

a) ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives;

b) enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work;

c) ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world; and

d) healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

2. Agrees that introducing the new curriculum offers a historic opportunity to right many structural injustices in Wales.

3. Welcomes the Welsh Government's recognition that government has a responsibility to take specific steps to ensure that the curriculum guarantees a baseline of provision for young people across Wales as a matter of basic human rights and welcomes that some elements of the new curriculum will be mandatory as a result.

4. Agrees that the mandatory elements of the curriculum should include:

a) black and people of colour history; and

b) the history of Wales.

5. Agrees that the new curriculum should support all learners to be fluent in Welsh and English, but that English does not need to be included in the list of mandatory elements in order to achieve this aim.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Agrees that the new curriculum, if it succeeds in its aims, can help develop a confident, mutually responsible citizenry who will be proactive in tackling injustice from all sources.

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

Delete points 4 and 5 and replace with:

Recognises that the new Curriculum for Wales Humanities guidance “promotes an understanding of the ethnic and cultural diversity within Wales” and “enables learners to take committed social action as participative citizens of their local, national and global communities.”

Welcomes the Welsh Government’s commitment to:

- a) work with Estyn to ensure that their review of Welsh history takes full account of Welsh, and wider, BAME history, identity and culture; and
- b) establishing a working group to oversee the development of learning resources, and identify gaps in current resources or training related to BAME communities, their contributions and experiences.

Agrees that the new curriculum should support all learners to learn Welsh and English.

[Curriculum for Wales – Humanities – Guidance](#)

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

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

In point 4, delete sub-points 4(a) and 4(b) and replace with:

the histories of Wales; the histories of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland; and histories of other parts of the world, and that:

(i) all the above to include black and people of colour history; and

(ii) all the above to be contextualised;

the teaching of life saving skills, as identified as a priority by the Youth Parliament.

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

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Agrees that the new curriculum should support all learners to be fluent in Welsh and English, ensuring that support for Welsh learning takes into account the already advantageous effect of learners' greater environmental exposure to English.

Amendment 5 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the curriculum makes provision for learning Welsh and that this is accompanied by investment to make Welsh language intensive immersion courses freely available for teachers and pupils alike.

Amendment 6 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the new curriculum to ensure that every pupil is taught a modern foreign language from year 1 of school.

Amendment 7 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that implementing the new curriculum successfully can be best achieved by cutting class sizes to under 20 pupils.

Amendment 8 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to commit to reconsidering the commencement date for the implementation of the new curriculum to accommodate delays in preparation due to Covid-19.

12 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 11.00, Wednesday, 8 July 2020

Oral Questions tabled on 26/06/2020 for answer on 01/07/2020

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

First Minister

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

1 OQ55394

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure Wales is equipped to deal with future pandemics?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

2 OQ55393

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support the aviation sector in Wales?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

3 OQ55357

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the impact of the coronavirus crisis on the Welsh economy?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

4 OQ55369

(e)

How will the Welsh Government use infrastructure projects to reinvigorate the Welsh economy in light of Covid-19?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

5 OQ55386

(e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on Welsh Government support for businesses affected by Covid-19?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

6 OQ55364

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the effect of lockdown on educational attainment in North Wales?

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

7 OQ55389

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the selection process for the expert panel that is to consider the application to dump mud dredged from outside Hinkley nuclear reactor in Welsh waters?

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

8 OQ55387

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve flood management in the Rhondda?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

9 OQ55388

(e)

Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's policies for supporting tourism?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

10 OQ55395

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of how effective the co-ordinated UK-wide response to coronavirus has been?

Carwyn Jones *Bridgend*

11 OQ55390

(e)

Will the First Minister outline what financial help has been given by the Welsh Government to businesses in Bridgend since the Covid-19 outbreak?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

12 OQ55391

(e)

What priority is the Welsh Government giving to children's rights to an education in light of the public health measures required to combat coronavirus?

Counsel General

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ55380

(e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government on the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on human rights in Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

2 OQ55373

(e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General given to the Welsh Government in relation to improving children's access to mental health support in Wales?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

3 OQ55360

(e)

What legal representations has the Counsel General made on behalf of the Welsh Government regarding inter-governmental structures within the UK?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

4 OQ55383

(w)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided on the effect of Covid-19 regulations on the Welsh Government's ability to fulfil its policies?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ55372

(e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General given to the Welsh Government on whether its response to Covid-19 is in accordance with human rights legislation?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

6 OQ55379

(e)

What recent discussions has the Counsel General had with other law officers regarding the legal steps being taken by the women against state pension inequality against the changes made to their pension entitlement by the UK Government?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

7 OQ55377

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the implementation of the recommendations of the Thomas Commission on Justice in Wales?

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

1 OQ55374

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of Covid-19 on its local taxation policy?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

2 OQ55361

(e)

How will the Welsh Government distribute the £78 million earmarked as part of the local government hardship fund within the budget in order to help local authorities manage loss of income due to Covid-19?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

3 OQ55385

(e)

How will the Minister ensure that the mental health implications of the Covid-19 pandemic are recognised in the Welsh Government's budget allocations?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

4 OQ55375

(w)

What extra allocations will be available during the current budget round to support the tracking element of the test track and protect strategy?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

5 OQ55346

(e)

Will the Minister indicate the additional funding that is expected as a result of spending by the UK Government in England in areas devolved to Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

6 OQ55370

(e)

What additional allocations will be made available by the Welsh Government during the current budget round to support the social care sector?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

7 OQ55355

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of Covid-19 on future Welsh budgets?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

8 OQ55353

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of business rates relief grants for the not-for-profit sector during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

9 OQ55345

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on changes to the Welsh Government's taxation policy to support businesses in light of the Covid-19 pandemic?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

10 OQ55365

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's capital spending plans in South Wales West?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

11 OQ55354

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the Welsh Government's public procurement policy?

Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

1 OQ55349

(w)

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government support for local Welsh-medium publications during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OQ55352

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of mid Wales as a tourist destination?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

3 OQ55351

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting tourism in North Wales?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

4 OQ55367

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the effectiveness of broadcasting in Wales during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

5 OQ55366

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the reintroduction of outdoor sports for children and young people following Covid-19?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

6 OQ55381

(e)

What discussions is the Welsh Government having with Welsh businesses regarding the future trade relations of the UK?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

7 OQ55382

(w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the effect of the proposed curriculum bill on the Welsh language?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

8 OQ55368

(e)

What aspects of Wales's international relations may be strengthened as a result of the experience of Covid-19?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

9 OQ55384

(w)

What steps will the Minister take to protect the interests of Welsh businesses in any international trade deals after the end of the transition period with the European Union?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

10 OQ55350

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of any risks to consumers and producers in Wales resulting from a UK/US trade deal?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

11 OQ55347

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the resumption of recreational sport in Wales?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

12 OQ55358

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the discussions held with the UK Government on promoting international trade as part of the Brexit process?

Senedd Commission

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ55359

(e)

What preparations has the Commission put in place regarding the extension of the franchise for Senedd elections, despite the coronavirus pandemic?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

2 OQ55356

(e)

What assessment has the Commission made of the impact of lockdown on future working practices for both Members of the Senedd and Commission staff?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

3 OQ55376

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on arrangements to support Senedd business as the lockdown is eased?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

4 OQ55371

(e)

Will the Commission provide guidance to Members on the safe reopening of constituency offices?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

5 OQ55378

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on its ability to reopen the Welsh Parliament estate?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

6 OQ55363

(e)

What consideration has been given to increased digital support to allow the expansion of home-working and remote-working amongst Commission staff?