

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 July 2020

Meeting time: 10.00

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

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 Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

(45 mins)

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

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4 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his European Transition Minister responsibilities)

(45 mins)

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

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5 Statement by the First Minister: The Legislative Programme

(60 mins)

6 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on weekly Covid–19 testing for care home staff?

To ask the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language; to be answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's approach to media policy and support for the media industry following the recent series of redundancies?

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes – WITHDRAWN

**7 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 – WITHDRAWN**

NDM7349 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 June 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

**8 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No.7) Regulations 2020 – WITHDRAWN**

NDM7350 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 July 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

Proposal to debate the following items together but with separate votes: (15 mins)

9 The Curriculum Requirements (Amendment of paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020

NDM7347 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Curriculum Requirements (Amendment of paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 June 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

10 The Maintained Schools (Amendment of Paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020

NDM7348 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Maintained Schools (Amendment of paragraph 7 of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 June 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

11 The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications and Site Visits) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

(15 mins)

NDM7346 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications and Site Visits) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 June 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

12 Debate: Stage 4 on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill

(15 mins)

NDM7357 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.

[Wild Animals and Circuses \(Wales\) Bill, unamended at Stage 3](#)

Supporting Document

[Presiding Officer's Statement in accordance with Standing Order 26.50A](#)

13 Debate: Introducing 20mph Speed Limits in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM7355 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the report of the Taskforce chaired by Phil Jones setting out recommendations on how to change the default speed limit for restricted roads in Wales to 20mph.
2. Notes the international research which demonstrates the road safety benefits, including a reduction in child deaths, of reducing default speed limits to 20mph.
3. Recognises the Welsh Government roll out of 20mph pilot projects, as precursor to a default 20 mph speed limit across Wales, and the future community benefits this will bring.

4. Supports the Welsh Government's intention to commence consultation on the proposed making of an order by statutory instrument (which will require approval by a resolution of the Senedd) reducing the general speed limit for restricted roads to 20 mph.

The Taskforce's Report was emailed to Members on 8 July 2020.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to set out its proposals as part of the consultation to ensure that enforcement agencies have the appropriate resources to respond to the proposed order.

14 Motion to amend Standing Order 18.10: Committee Functions Relating to the Oversight of the Wales Audit Office

(5 mins)

NDM7353 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee 'Chair of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) Board' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 July 2020.
2. Approves the proposals to amend Standing Order 18, as set out in Annex A of the report of the Business Committee.

15 Motion to amend Standing Orders: The Electoral Commission and the Llywydd's Committee

(5 mins)

NDM7352 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

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

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee 'Standing Order 18B – Oversight of the Electoral Commission' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 July 2020.

2. Approves the proposals to introduce a new Standing Order 18B, and amend Standing Order 17 as set out in Annex B of the report of the Business Committee.

16 Finance Committee debate – The Welsh Government's Spending Priorities for the Draft Budget 2021–22, in light of Covid–19

(60 mins)

NDM7351 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Considers the spending priorities for the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021 – 22.

Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22 Digital Engagement Summary Note, June 2020

17 Children, Young People and Education Committee debate – The impact of the Covid–19 outbreak on children and young people in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM7354 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Children, Young People and Education Committee Interim Report – Impact of Covid–19 on children and young people, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 July 2020.

18 Plaid Cymru debate – An Independent Wales

(60 mins)

NDM7356 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the people of Wales have welcomed the ability for Wales to act independently during the coronavirus crisis.

2. Recognises the success of independent countries of a similar size to Wales in dealing with the virus.

3. Believes that independence would give Wales greater agility and resilience in responding to future challenges.
4. Notes the increased support for an independent Scotland and a united Ireland.
5. Affirms the right of the people of Wales to decide whether Wales should become an independent country.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to seek the constitutional right to allow the Senedd to legislate during the next term to hold a binding referendum on independence.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports Welsh devolution.
2. Recognises the benefits to Wales of being part of the United Kingdom.
3. Welcomes the significant support made available by Her Majesty's Government to assist in the response to the coronavirus pandemic in Wales, including:
 - a) £2.8 billion allocated to support interventions in devolved matters;
 - b) support for more than 316,500 jobs via a Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme;
 - c) support for more than 102,000 people via the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme;
 - d) emergency finance for the steel industry;
 - e) a Job Retention Bonus to encourage employers to protect the jobs of furloughed workers;
 - f) a Kickstart Scheme for young job seekers;
 - g) a reduction in VAT for tourism and hospitality businesses;
 - h) an Eat Out to Help Out scheme to help cafes, restaurants and pubs; and
 - i) funding to decarbonise UK Government public sector buildings in Wales.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to continue to cooperate with Her Majesty's Government to protect lives and livelihoods in Wales during the coronavirus pandemic.

[If Amendment 1 is agreed amendments 2, 3 and 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Believes that:

- a) by any reasonable measure, devolution has failed; and
- b) support for scrapping the Senedd exceeds support for Wales' political independence from the UK.

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

Amendment 3 – [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

- 1. Notes that the different lockdown policies introduced by different governments across the United Kingdom have led to confusion.
- 2. Recognises that the only real economic resilience Wales enjoys is as part of the United Kingdom.
- 3. Notes the Scottish independence referendum in 2014, which resulted in Scotland voting to remain as part of the United Kingdom.
- 4. Affirms the right of the people of Wales to decide whether Wales continues to have a devolved government.
- 5. Calls on the Welsh Government to seek the constitutional right to allow the Senedd to legislate during the next term to hold a binding referendum on whether we keep or abolish the devolved government and parliament of Wales.

[If Amendment 3 is agreed amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the Welsh Government's strong and effective leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Considers that co-ordinated decision-making and messaging by the four administrations within the United Kingdom will most effectively address the challenges the pandemic presents for our citizens and businesses; and
3. Believes that Wales's interests are best served by its continuing membership of a reformed United Kingdom, allowing co-ordinated governmental action to be pursued.

Amendment 5 – [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Senedd should be scrapped.

Amendment 6 – [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to seek the constitutional right to allow the Senedd to legislate during the next term to hold a binding referendum on its disestablishment.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Wales should have its own constitution and bill of rights.

Amendment 8 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Welsh sovereignty should be exercised at a community and national level, including use of binding referendums through a public right of initiative.

19 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 11.00, Wednesday, 5 August 2020. This meeting is a recall of the Senedd under Standing Order 34.9

Oral Questions tabled on 10/07/2020 for answer on 15/07/2020

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

First Minister

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

1 OQ55478

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the gradual reopening of the small business sector in Wales following the Covid-19 lockdown?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

2 OQ55449

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for professional sport?

Carwyn Jones *Bridgend*

3 OQ55469

(e)

Will the First Minister outline what financial support is available from the Welsh Government to businesses in Wales?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

4 OQ55455

(e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the importance of local radio stations in Wales?

David Rees *Aberavon*

5 OQ55476

(e)

What actions is the Welsh Government taking to support the manufacturing sector in Wales?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

6 OQ55444

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for the Armed Forces Covenant?

7 **Michelle Brown** *North Wales*
OQ55477

(e)

What assessment has been made of how restrictions in the health service, put in place to contain the pandemic, have impacted those needing the NHS for non-Covid-19 related reasons?

8 **Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*
OQ55474

(w)

Will the First Minister make a statement on support for town and community councils during the pandemic?

9 **Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*
OQ55470

(e)

Does the Welsh Government have any plans to change its test, trace and protect policies in light of emerging evidence regarding the transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus?

10 **Mandy Jones** *North Wales*
OQ55463

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to support freedom of religion in North Wales?

11 **Neil McEvoy** *South Wales Central*
OQ55472

(e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for victims of domestic abuse whose children are removed by social services?

12 **Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*
OQ55475

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the extra amount of money Wales will receive as a consequence of the UK Chancellor's summer statement?

Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

1 **Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*
OQ55468

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans for future improvements to the M4 around the Brynglas Tunnels area?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

2 OQ55451

(e)

What support is the Welsh Government offering to apprentices and those taking part in work based learning whose placements have been affected by Covid-19?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

3 OQ55446

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting businesses in North Wales to reopen as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

4 OQ55465

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the safety of staff on public transport?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

5 OQ55452

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the development of a Swansea Bay and western valleys metro?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

6 OQ55440

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for alleviating road and rail congestion in Pencoed?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

7 OQ55442

(e)

In light of Covid-19, will the Minister make a statement on the impact of social-distancing guidelines on businesses in South Wales Central?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

8 OQ55448

(e)

What measures are being taken to support public transport in Wales during the coronavirus pandemic?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

9 OQ55458

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the implications for the economy in the south Wales valleys of the UK Chancellor's summer economic update?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

10 OQ55457

(e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve transport links to the new Grange University Hospital when it opens in November 2020?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11 OQ55461

(e)

What steps will the Welsh Government take to address concerns of a surge in road traffic journeys as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

12 OQ55445

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for businesses in the hospitality sector in Wales?

Counsel General and Minister for European Transition

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

1 OQ55462

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with members of the UK Government regarding Brexit since his title was changed on 4 March 2020?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OQ55467

(w)

How is the Welsh Government planning to support the recovery of Welsh towns following the effects of Covid-19?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

3 OQ55460

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the work the Welsh Government is doing to Build Back Better during and after Covid -19?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*
4 OQ55443

(e)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the number of jobs and businesses that will be lost in Wales due to the coronavirus crisis?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*
5 OQ55441

(e)

What recent discussions has the Counsel General had with UK Ministers regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*
6 OQ55459

(e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the work of the Joint Ministerial Committee on European negotiations?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*
7 OQ55456

(e)

What recent discussions has the Counsel General had with the UK Government regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund?

David Melding *South Wales Central*
8 OQ55447

(e)

What measures is the Welsh Government taking to ensure the efficient movement of people and goods at Welsh ports once the Brexit transition ends?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*
9 OQ55450

(e)

Will the Counsel General outline the effect on Wales of trading with the European Union on World Trade Organisation terms?

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

Plenary agendas are published a week in advance of a meeting, and can be found on the [Plenary meetings page](#)

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (60 mins) – The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip will answer questions for the last 15 minutes of this session on matters relating to her responsibilities
- Business Statement and Announcement (15 mins)

Wednesday 16 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government (45 mins)

Senedd Business

- Topical Questions (20 mins)
- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Chair of the Wales Audit Office (5 mins)
- Motion to establish a committee under Standing Order 16.3: The Llywydd's Committee (5 mins)
- Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Benefits in Wales – options for better delivery (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Brexit Party (60 mins)

- Short Debate: David Melding (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (15 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his "law officer" responsibilities (30 mins)
- The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (15 mins)

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language (45 mins)

Senedd Business

- Questions to the Senedd Commission (30 mins)
- Topical Questions (20 mins)
- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Debate on the Finance Committee report: Impact of variations in national and sub-national income tax (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate Mark Isherwood (North Wales) (30 mins)

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (15 mins)
- The Representation of the People (Electoral Register Publication Date) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (15 mins)

Wednesday 30 September 2020

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)

Senedd Business

- Topical Questions (20 mins)
- 90 Second Statements (5 mins)
- Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee report: the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales (60 mins)
- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn) (30 mins)