

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/ Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 September 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 Minister for Education

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.



#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 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)

##### **NDM7401 Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)**

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 July 2020.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 September 2020.

#### **6 Member Debate under Standing order 11.21 (iv) Universal Basic Income (UBI)**

(60 mins)

##### **NDM7384 Jack Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) the damage poverty does to life chances and that work is no longer a guaranteed route out of poverty;

b) that the pandemic has forced more people into poverty with increasing numbers of residents having to turn to charitable support like food banks;

c) that, even before the pandemic, UK growth was poor and we face the growing challenge of automation, placing increasing numbers of jobs at risk;

d) that a universal basic income (UBI) gives people more control over their lives, would alleviate poverty and have an accompanying positive affect on mental health;

e) that a UBI would create jobs and encourage people to access training opportunities;

f) that a UBI allows people the space to become more involved in their community and support their neighbours.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government:

a) to establish a UBI trial in Wales;

b) to lobby the UK Government for funding to establish a Wales-wide UBI.

Supported by

[Adam Price](#)

[Alun Davies](#)

[Bethan Sayed](#)

[Dai Lloyd](#)

[Dawn Bowden](#)

[Helen Mary Jones](#)

[Huw Irranca-Davies](#)

[Jenny Rathbone](#)

[John Griffiths](#)

[Leanne Wood](#)

[Mick Antoniw](#)

[Mike Hedges](#)

[Rhianon Passmore](#)

[Sian Gwenllian](#)

## 7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Value for Money for Taxpayers

(60 mins)

**NDM7404** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that successful management of taxpayers' money depends on clear objectives, good governance and effective scrutiny.
2. Regrets that in excess of £1 billion has been wasted by successive Welsh Governments on defunct policies, abandoned projects and overspending against budgets since 2010.
3. Further regrets that potentially good Welsh policies have been allowed to wither due to a lack of buy-in and short-term decision-making.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish a cross-departmental office at the heart of government to drive a culture change, challenge decision making and ensure the delivery of value for money for taxpayers.

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

Delete all and replace with

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the successful management of taxpayers' money depends on clear objectives, good governance and effective scrutiny and recognises the poor value for money represented by austerity economics.
2. Regrets that the UK Government has underfunded and / or blocked numerous non-devolved projects, services and infrastructure in Wales including research and development, rail, broadband and tidal energy since 2010.
3. Welcomes the progress made in delivering innovative Welsh Government policies designed for the people of Wales including: free prescriptions, Jobs Growth Wales, presumed consent for organ donation, the single cancer pathway, the childcare offer, the doubling of the capital limit, 21st Century Schools and the Economic Resilience Fund.

4. Calls upon the UK government to provide greater fiscal flexibilities for the Welsh Government in the interests of good budget management.

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

**Amendment 2 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)**

Insert new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that the Welsh Government's failure to deliver its policies has helped contribute to the lack of trust in politics which has resulted in over half of the Welsh electorate not participating in Senedd elections

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Calls for a binding referendum on whether to keep or abolish the devolved government and parliament of Wales, in light of the Welsh Government's failures.

**Amendment 4 [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure value for money by:

- a) recognising the waste of public resource in the private third sector, through duplication and top-heavy management;
- b) democratising service provision through redirecting funding to local government in Wales.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM7403 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

The challenges and opportunities for the Môn economy: an opportunity to take a broad look at the Môn economy, including serious concerns around Brexit, challenges and opportunities in relation to energy, and how to ensure community

and environmental sustainability when creating new economic opportunities.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 October 2020

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 23/09/2020 for answer on 30/09/2020

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

### Minister for Education

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

1 OQ55603

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the independent review into the summer 2020 arrangements to award grades, and considerations for summer 2021?

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

2 OQ55616

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the safe delivery of post-16 education during the COVID-19 pandemic?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

3 OQ55597

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for home-educated learners in Wales?

**Lynne Neagle** *Torfaen*

4 OQ55617

(e)

What steps is the Minister taking to support the mental health of higher education students in Wales?

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

5 OQ55604

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure there are no disruptions to children and young people's education during the next six months?

**Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*

6 OQ55607

(e)

What recent assessment has been made of the demand for Welsh-medium education in Mid and West Wales?

**Neil McEvoy** *South Wales Central*

7 OQ55588

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the evidence used to include English in Section 3(2) of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

8 OQ55586

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the number of incidents in Islwyn of children who have been sent home from school to self-isolate following a positive test for COVID-19?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

9 OQ55596

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government considering to reduce the amount of school time lost as a result of COVID -19?

**David J. Rowlands** *South Wales East*

10 OQ55611

(e)

What immediate action is being taken to reduce the number of secondary schools in special measures?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

11 OQ55606

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales on school transport arrangements during the coronavirus emergency?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

12 OQ55593

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on pupils' return to school in North Wales?

## Minister for Health and Social Services

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

1 OQ55615

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update for those who were previously shielding in light of the latest COVID-19 restrictions for Wales?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

2 OQ55595

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on this year's winter flu vaccination programme?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire* Pack Page 2



3 OQ55587

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the resumption of services in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

4 OQ55618

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on deaths due to COVID-19 in hospitals in North Wales?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

5 OQ55583

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to tackle the problem of loneliness among older people?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

6 OQ55601

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the mental health and well-being impact of coronavirus restrictions in Wales?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

7 OQ55605

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on COVID-19 lockdown restrictions in Rhondda Cynon Taf?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

8 OQ55602

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's governance and management of capital projects?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

9 OQ55592

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the take-up of online GP appointments in North Wales?

**Gareth Bennett** *South Wales Central*

10 OQ55608

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of plans to build a new Velindre Cancer Centre on the Northern Meadows in Cardiff?

**Michelle Brown** *North Wales*

11 OQ55609

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**(e)**

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to improve the capacity of the NHS as we approach the winter spike in demand?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**12** OQ55590

**(e)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting rural areas of Wales in preventing the community transmission of COVID-19?