

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 7 October 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 Economy and Transport and North Wales

(45 mins)

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

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): What support is the Welsh Government providing to Stadco following news that it intends to close its factory in Llanfyllin, affecting 129 employees?

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the Minister made of supply chain issues affecting Roche Pharmaceuticals, and its implications on testing capacity in the Welsh NHS?

4 90 second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Standards of Conduct Committee report – Report 01–20

(15 mins)

NDM7420 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 01 – 20 [laid](#) before the Senedd on 30 September 2020 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

6 Motion to delegate authority to make the arrangements for recruiting a new Commissioner for Standards to the Chief Executive and Clerk

(5 mins)

NDM7419 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with section 3 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule to, the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009 delegates the making of arrangements for the recruitment of the Commissioner for Standards (but not the appointment of the person so identified) to the Clerk of the Senedd.

[National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009](#)

7 Standards of Conduct Committee report – The Acting Commissioner for Standards' Pay

(15 mins)

NDM7418 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Douglas Bain CBE TD was appointed as acting Commissioner in accordance with Section 4(1) of the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009 (“the Measure”) on 13 November 2019.
2. Considers the report from the Standards of Conduct Committee: Remuneration of the Acting Commissioner for Standards (“the report”) relating to the proposal to modify the terms of Mr Bain’s appointment.
3. Modifies the terms of appointment of the acting Commissioner, in accordance with section 4(4)(d) of the Measure, as set out in Annex A of the report.

[National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009](#)

[Standards of Conduct Committee: Remuneration of the Acting Commissioner for Standards](#)

8 Debate on the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform report: Senedd reform: The next steps

(30 mins)

NDM7417 [Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform, 'Senedd reform: The next steps', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 September 2020.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendments 1 and 2 tabled to the motion have not been selected.

Supporting Documents

[Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform report: Summary of recommendations](#)

9 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities

Committee report: Into sharp relief: inequality and the pandemic

(60 mins)

NDM7406 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Into sharp relief: inequality and the pandemic', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 August 2020.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 September 2020.

10 Plaid Cymru Debate – The challenges facing the Arts, Culture and Heritage sectors

(60 mins)

NDM7421 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the importance of the Welsh Arts, Culture and Heritage sectors, and the challenges these sectors face as a result of COVID-19.

2. Welcomes the renewed exploration of Wales's diverse heritage during the months of the pandemic in light of the Black Lives Matter movement and other campaigns.

3. Supports calls to ensure that our heritage is promoted and presented in a sensitive manner and inclusive of all of its rich diversity in future.
4. Regrets that the UK Government's job support scheme is unlikely to save many arts and live music venues and cultural attractions from closure, and to save arts workers' careers (freelance and salaried), despite the fact that they were viable prior to COVID-19.
5. Opposes proposals to develop one or more military museums in Cardiff Bay.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) work with the Arts Council of Wales, the Wales Freelance Task Force and other groups and organisations within the arts and culture sector to implement the recommendations of the report, 'Rebalancing and Reimagining: Strategies to Support Arts and Performance Freelancers'.
 - b) use the planning system to restrict and manage the ability of buildings that were used for arts, cultural and heritage purposes prior to the Coronavirus Act 2020 to receive planning permission for a change of use whilst the pandemic continues to impact on the ability to use those venues for their intended purpose;
 - c) explore the creation of a National Museum for Black and People of Colour History and Heritage, to be based in Tiger Bay as a potential alternative to the proposal for one or more military museums;
 - d) ensure more black and people of colour involvement in arts and cultural bodies, as called for in Race Alliance Wales's Manifesto for An Anti-Racist Wales;
 - e) ensure that the Welsh language is at the heart of the workforce and output of the arts sector in its entirety going forward;
 - f) introduce statutory protections to prevent the loss of Welsh language place names from the built and natural environments.
 - g) ensure that each government department works strategically towards the delivery of the sixth pillar of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language, and, in so doing, engages deeply and meaningfully with the arts, culture and heritage sectors.

[Rebalancing and Reimagining: Strategies to Support Arts and Performance Freelancers](#)

[Coronavirus Act 2020](#)

[Race Alliance Wales: Our Manifesto for an Anti-racist Wales](#)

[Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#)

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendment 1 tabled to the motion has not been selected.

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Welcomes Her Majesty's Government's £1.57 billion arts rescue package and the £59 million consequential arising from it for Wales.

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

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Welcomes plans for a museum of military medicine in Cardiff Bay and acknowledges the importance of venues across Wales which celebrate Wales's rich military heritage.

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

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

Delete point 5 and renumber accordingly

Amendment 5 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

In point 6, delete sub-points b) and c) and replace with:

recognise the importance Planning Policy Wales places on cultural well-being through plan making and planning decisions, which supports the continued provision of cultural uses for communities through its approach to place making; work to ensure that BAME history is embedded and reflected throughout the museum network in Wales and explore with community leaders future options to ensure this history is given rightful prominence.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendments 6 and 7 tabled to the motion have not been selected.

Amendment 8 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

In point 6, delete sub-points e) and f) and replace with:

work to ensure the Welsh language is at the heart of the workforce and output of the arts sector;

recognise the importance of Welsh language place names and continue to explore options to prevent them from being lost from the built and natural environments.

Amendment 9 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 6:

notes the outcome of the independent review into funding of the National Library of Wales and calls for an increase of £1.445 million in baseline funding in the next financial year to put the finances of the institution on a sustainable footing for the future.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendments 10, 11, 12 and 13 tabled to the motion have not been selected.

11 Voting Time

12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

[Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

Beyond COVID-19: a sustainable economy for the Heads of the Valleys.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 13 October 2020

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 30/09/2020 for answer on 07/10/2020

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

Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

1 OQ55641

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve rail links to Blaenau Gwent?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

2 OQ55649

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on inward investment in the North Wales region over this Senedd term?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

3 OQ55636

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding additional support for businesses in areas of new COVID-19 restrictions, such as Llanelli?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

4 OQ55647

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the visitor economy in north Wales?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

5 OQ55645

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on discussions with Transport for Wales regarding social distancing on public transport?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

6 OQ55629

(e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to hospitality businesses during the coronavirus pandemic?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

7 OQ55656

(e)

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How is the Welsh Government supporting the bus industry in Wales?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

8 OQ55633

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the Pembrokeshire economy for the next 12 months?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

9 OQ55654

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to promote economic growth in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

10 OQ55651

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on employers' access to public funds in light of COVID-19?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

11 OQ55658

(e)

How does the Welsh Government intend to ensure that Islwyn builds back better from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

12 OQ55661

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for those sectors of the economy most affected by the latest lockdowns in North Wales?

Counsel General and Minister for European Transition

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

1 OQ55659

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had about the impact of Brexit on the automotive sector in Wales?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

2 OQ55655

(e)

What recent steps has the Welsh Government taken to prepare for the UK leaving the European Union?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

3 OQ55642

(e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on how the Welsh Government's coronavirus recovery programme will benefit Blaenau Gwent?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

4 OQ55632

(w)

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of the UK Internal Market Bill on the Port of Holyhead?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

5 OQ55628

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the risk of disruption to fresh food supplies if the UK Government fails to secure a trade deal with the EU before the end of the transition period?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

6 OQ55638

(e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the Our Future Wales consultation on support for future post-COVID-19 recovery and reconstruction?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

7 OQ55653

(e)

What submissions has the Welsh Government made to the House of Commons inquiry into legal aid, given concerns regarding difficulties in accessing legal aid during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

8 OQ55637

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had regarding the impact of a no-deal Brexit on the manufacturing industry in Mid and West Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

9 OQ55662

(e)

How has COVID-19 impacted the ability of the Welsh Government to prepare for the possibility of a no-deal Brexit at the end of the transition period?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

10 OQ55657

(e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales on the future of the Welsh economy in the post-COVID-19 recovery?

Neil Hamilton *Mid and West Wales*

11 OQ55648

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's ongoing assessment of the impact of the UK Internal Market Bill on Mid and West Wales?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

12 OQ55650

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of whether the UK Internal Market Bill has strengthened the UK's negotiating position with the EU?