

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 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 Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

(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 Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the First Minister

Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr) Will the First Minister make a statement following the latest news that the UK Prime Minister has rejected a further request made by the Welsh Government on 13 October relating to travel restrictions?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv): Endometriosis

(60 mins)

NDM7304 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the devastating impact of endometriosis which affects one in 10 women in Wales.
2. Notes that it takes on average eight years and 26 GP appointments to get a referral to an endometriosis specialist.
3. Calls for more research into the causes and possible cures for endometriosis.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that schools make all pupils aware of what is a normal menstrual period and when to seek medical advice.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that more endometriosis specialists are trained so that all women can have access to specialist treatment in Wales.

Co-Submitters

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

Supporters

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

6 Debate on the Finance Committee report: Inquiry into a legislative budget process

(60 mins)

NDM7426 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee into a legislative budget process, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 August 2020.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 September 2020.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate: Impact of local coronavirus restrictions on employers

(60 mins)

NDM7428 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the £4 billion of extra funding made available to the Welsh Government by the Her Majesty's Government to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in Wales.

2. Recognises the significant adverse impact of local coronavirus restrictions on businesses and other employers.

3. Notes the need to ensure that coronavirus restrictions that impact upon employers are proportionate.

4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

a) remove the expectation for employers to have a unionised workplace in order to access Welsh Government funding and grants;

b) extend business rate relief to businesses with a rateable value in excess of £500,000 and to landlords who are unable to let vacant commercial properties;

c) waive the 10 per cent investment requirement to access grants under phase 3 of the economic resilience fund; and

d) publish, in the public domain, data on the number of positive COVID-19 tests on a local authority ward basis.

Supporting document

Letter from the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales to business owners.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendment 4 tabled to the motion has not been selected.

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Welsh Government is dedicating more than £4 billion to its response to COVID-19, a sum greater than the Barnett consequential received from the UK Government.
2. Recognises the Welsh Government's £1.7 billion package of COVID-19 support for business is the best anywhere in the UK, including a £500 million economic resilience fund which is helping to protect in excess of 100,000 jobs.
3. Notes that fair work is at the heart of the Welsh Government's response and that every recipient of business support has agreed to the principles of the economic contract.
4. Recognises the early, proportionate and transparent measures the Welsh Government is taking to tackle the virus and its public health and economic impacts.
5. Welcomes the Welsh Government's £140 million plans for the third phase of the economic resilience fund (ERF3), including £20 million dedicated for tourism and hospitality.
6. Notes that Welsh businesses continuing to trade are able to receive support under the ERF3 rapid reaction fund, which is not the case in relation to business support in restricted local areas in England
7. Regrets the decision of the UK Government to terminate the job retention scheme and believes that the job support scheme gives insufficient incentive for employers in the most vulnerable sectors to retain employees through the crisis, including tourism and hospitality.
8. Calls on the UK Government to make available a comprehensive package of funding for local areas subject to additional restrictions to tackle the virus.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 5 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Calls for the enhancement of borrowing powers at the Welsh level to respond to the impact of the pandemic in line with the needs and priorities of Wales.

Amendment 3 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Insert as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that the UK Government's job support scheme is of no help to a large number of Welsh businesses, particularly small businesses and businesses in the service sector such as hospitality and hair and beauty.

Amendment 5 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 4:

re-evaluate COVID-19 business support to ensure that it effectively fills the gaps left by the UK Government's schemes.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate – Hefin David

(0 mins)

No motion tabled.

10 Short Debate – Alun Davies – postponed from 7 October 2020

(30 mins)

NDM7415 [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, 20 October 2020