

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

315(v2)

This meeting will be held by video-conference.

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

The Llywydd will also give notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public are 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 would be published as usual.

1 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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2 Questions to the Minister for Education

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on petitions concerning access to facilities for sport and physical activity during lockdowns

(60 mins)

NDM7543 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following petitions concerning access to facilities for sport and physical activity during lockdowns:

- a) Petition '[P-05-1053 Keep gyms open and consider them as important as shops should another national lockdown take place](#)' which received 20,616 signatures;
- b) Petition '[P-05-1063 Open golf courses as it plays an integral part to the improvement of both physical and mental health](#)' which received 6,317 signatures; and
- c) Petition '[P-05-1074 Raise the number of people allowed in outdoor spaces so football can restart for all teams in Wales](#)' which received 5,330 signatures.

7 Independent Alliance for Reform Group debate – Postponed
(0 mins)

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate
(30 mins)

NDM7532 [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

Constitutional developments in Wales.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday 19 January 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 06/01/2021 for answer on 13/01/2021

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

MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND TREFNYDD

1

John Griffiths *Newport East*

OQ56099

(e)

What further financial provision will the Welsh Government make within its annual budget to address the impact of COVID-19 on pre-existing inequalities in Wales?

2

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

OQ56117

(e)

What consideration has the Minister given to supporting people affected by the coronavirus in South Wales East when formulating the Welsh Government's budget for 2021-2022?

3

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

OQ56107

(e)

What priority is the Welsh Government giving to funding youth services in next year's budget?

4

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

OQ56115

(e)

What action will the Welsh Government take to address the risks to public finances in light of the

COVID-19 pandemic?

5

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

OQ56104

(w)

What resources have been allocated in the 2021-22 budget for education in the post-COVID period?

6

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

OQ56111

(w)

What additional funding does the Minister intend to allocate to the environment and rural affairs budget in the current financial year?

7

David Melding *South Wales Central*

OQ56082

(e)

What measures are in place to improve the transparency of the Welsh Government's budget process?

8

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

OQ56074

(e)

What consideration has the Minister given to funding for businesses in Alyn and Deeside when allocating the Welsh Government budget?

9

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

OQ56085

(e)

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Will the Minister make a statement on how the 2021-22 budget will benefit North Wales?

10

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

OQ56078

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government's budget will support businesses affected by the latest national lockdown?

11

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

OQ56103

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the administration of the council tax reduction scheme?

12

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

OQ56114

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on additional financial support provided to the Welsh Government by the UK Treasury in response to the coronavirus pandemic?

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

1

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

OQ56086

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on measures to enable students to progress their education in Wales during the current pandemic?

2

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

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OQ56097

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on ensuring that all pupils have access to the necessary equipment and resources to enable remote learning?

3

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

OQ56116

(w)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure consistency in relation to remote learning in schools across Wales?

4

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

OQ56113

(e)

What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that learners in Wales are not digitally excluded?

5

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

OQ56106

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help schools find more innovative ways of delivering education amidst the constraints of suppressing the pandemic?

6

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

OQ56087

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve education standards in South Wales Central throughout the COVID-19 pandemic?

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Mandy Jones *North Wales*

OQ56079

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of ongoing school closures on educational standards in North Wales?

8

John Griffiths *Newport East*

OQ56098

(e)

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to address the impact of COVID -19 on inequalities in education in Wales?

9

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

OQ56101

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic?

10

David Rees *Aberavon*

OQ56112

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress being made in preparing external assessments to replace the formal GCSE/AS/A-level examinations?

11

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

OQ56090

(e)

What recent discussions has the Minister had with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding addressing the digital divide as pupils continue to learn remotely?

12

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

OQ56075

(e)

What additional steps can be taken in schools to protect staff and pupils from asymptomatic COVID-19 spread?

SENEDD COMMISSION

1

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

OQ56092

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on plans to engage with newly enfranchised voters, particularly as schools and colleges have moved once again to online learning?

2

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

OQ56081

(e)

What plans does the Commission have to adapt ways of working for Members, their staff and Commission staff using lessons learned from lockdowns ahead of the sixth Senedd?

3

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

OQ56100

(e)

What steps will be taken by the Commission to review the structures of and expenditure on its engagement teams in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic?