

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 November 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 International Relations and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government:



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David Melding (South Wales Central): Will the Welsh Government make a statement on the fire safety of student accommodation in Wales following last week's fire at the University of Bolton?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Workplace Parking Levy

(30 mins)

NDM7188 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill to enable the implementation of a workplace parking levy.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) enable local authorities to implement a workplace parking levy, dependent on the number of parking spaces reserved for employees;
 - b) enable local authorities to use the revenue to strengthen public transport and active travel routes;
 - c) reduce traffic congestion in major population centres;
 - d) encourage employers to promote active travel plans for their staff and advocate for better public transport;
 - e) urge Welsh Government to encourage local authorities in Wales to implement this levy, as part of a suite of measures to combat the carbon emissions which are causing a climate emergency.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Hospice and Palliative Care

(60 mins)

NDM7193 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Cross Party Group on Hospices and Palliative Care's report on Inequalities in Access to Hospice and Palliative Care.
2. Acknowledges that approximately 23,000 people in Wales have a palliative care need at any one time, including over 1,000 children.

3. Recognises that whilst some progress has been made in widening access to hospice and palliative care in Wales, there remains significant unmet need and under-met need, and calls on the Welsh Government to address this.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) outline how Wales will become a 'compassionate country';
- b) ensure that strengthening the provision of palliative care services in Wales is made central to this approach;
- c) provide consistent reporting criteria, and address gaps in data collection on adult and paediatric palliative care needs;
- d) update the funding mechanism for charitable hospices so that it is based on current local population need and prevalence data;
- e) increase the level of statutory funding provided to adult and children's hospices in Wales.

[Cross Party Group on Hospices and Palliative Care, Inequalities in Access to Hospice and Palliative Care, July 2018](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Recognises that progress has been made in widening access to hospice and palliative care in Wales and that further work is needed to establish any unmet need

Notes that the Welsh Government will:

- a) continue to work with statutory and third sector partners to deliver on the ambition of making Wales the world's first 'compassionate country';
- b) ensure that strengthening the provision of palliative care services in Wales is made central to this approach;
- c) provide consistent reporting criteria, and address gaps in data collection on adult and paediatric palliative care needs;
- d) continue to monitor the mechanism of funding for charitable hospices working with the end of life board and health boards;

e) continue to monitor and review funding provided to adult and children's hospices in Wales.

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

Amendment 2 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

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

ensure carers receive the support they need both during and after they have cared for somebody receiving palliative care.

Amendment 3 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

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

ensure that provision of a variety of services is available in all parts of Wales so that the choices of the individual over the type and location of palliative care they receive can be respected.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Rolling Stock

(60 mins)

NDM7195 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the recommendation of the Enterprise and Business Committee of the Fourth Assembly in 2013 that the Welsh Government should "develop and publish a rolling stock strategy as a matter of urgency, not only to ensure pressing decisions on rolling stock compatibility for electrification and accessibility legislation are taken in good time to avoid the increased cost and disruption associated with delay, but also to enhance the future capacity and quality of trains for the long-term".
2. Regrets the Welsh Government's failure:
 - a) to take appropriate action to address the issues highlighted as long ago as 2013 in relation to rolling stock;
 - b) to meet the persons with reduced mobility (PRM) compliance deadline in relation to its rolling stock;
 - c) to make a timely request to the UK Government's Department for Transport for the requisite dispensation to keep non-PRM compliant trains in service from January 2020.

3. Expresses concern at the ongoing disruption experienced by many Transport for Wales rail passengers on a daily basis.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to give assurance that it has contingency plans in place to mitigate the potential loss of a large proportion of its fleet.

[Enterprise and Business Committee, The Future of the Wales and Borders Rail Franchise, December 2013](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after “National Assembly for Wales” and replace with:

1. Welcomes the £5bn investment being made in the Welsh rail network over the next 15 years including more than £800m in rolling stock.
2. Notes the UK-wide challenges facing the rail industry in relation to PRM compliance, impacting franchises across the UK.
3. Recognises one of the main reasons for rolling stock shortages is the UK Government’s short-sighted decision to truncate its electrification programme, including to Swansea, leading to delays in the availability of rolling stock.
4. Calls on the UK Government to ensure the general election does not interfere with requests for PRM derogations to allow additional capacity to run on the network for a short period into 2020.
5. Notes the rolling stock system across the UK is broken and calls for the UK Government to work with the devolved administrations to develop a new model.

Amendment 2 – Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that responsibility for provision of rolling stock capacity for Welsh services and Wales-only services under the railway franchise that was operated by Arriva Trains Wales was a matter for the Welsh Government since 2006.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate – Postponed to 8 January 2020

NDM7194 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

Trilingual Wales: The value to Wales of teaching modern foreign languages.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 26 November 2019

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 13/11/2019 for answer on 20/11/2019

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

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

1 OAQ54689

(e)

What additional allocations will be made available during the current budget round to support public services in dealing with adverse weather conditions?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

2 OAQ54723

(e)

What progress has the Welsh Government made in reshaping public procurement to enable more fresh food for schools, hospitals and nursing homes to be procured locally?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

3 OAQ54712

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's spending priorities in the south Wales valleys?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

4 OAQ54716

(e)

Will the Minister outline the external pressures impacting on the Welsh Government's budget setting process?

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

5 OAQ54726

(e)

What steps does the Minister intend to take to ensure that the Welsh Government's forthcoming budget prioritises preventative spend?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

6 OAQ54711

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the role of the National Procurement Service?

Mohammad Asghar *South Wales East*

7 OAQ54694

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had regarding funding allocations to the economy and transport portfolio?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

8 OAQ54690

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the mutual investment model?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

9 OAQ54702

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities when allocating funding as part of the Second Capital Investment Package?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

10 OAQ54715

(e)

Will the Minister provide a statement on the steps being taken by the Welsh Government to alleviate the taxation burden on young people at the beginning of their careers?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

11 OAQ54718

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's spending priorities in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

12 OAQ54707

(w)

Will the Minister provide a statement on Welsh Government plans for introducing non-domestic rates on hydro energy projects?

Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

1 OAQ54697

(w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the efforts of local authorities in south-west Wales to achieve the Welsh language standards?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

2 OAQ54724

(e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to strengthen the relationship between Wales and countries that have strong links to our most diverse communities?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

3 OAQ54725

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the Welsh Government's international strategy on Blaenau Gwent?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

4 OAQ54693

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the development of a National Archive for Wales?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

5 OAQ54701

(e)

What actions is the Welsh Government taking to increase the numbers of tourists visiting the south Wales valleys?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

6 OAQ54699

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for the restoration of Ruperra Castle near Draethen?

David Rees *Aberavon*

7 OAQ54722

(e)

What progress is being made on the production of a concordat between the Welsh Government and the UK Government regarding future trade negotiations?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

8 OAQ54708

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for community sport in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

9 OAQ54710

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding how the National Development Framework will contribute to the Welsh Government target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050?

Assembly Commission

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

1 OAQ54721

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the security sweep of the Assembly estate?

Mark Reckless *South Wales East*

2 OAQ54706

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on the Llywydd and the Chief Executive's interactions with Sir Roderick Evans in respect of standards complaints?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

3 OAQ54713

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the effectiveness of the National Assembly for Wales's communications strategy?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

4 OAQ54729

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on preparations for the extension of the franchise ahead of the next Assembly election in May 2021?