

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 Economy, Transport and North Wales (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 Counsel General and 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 First Minister]

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the number of COVID-19 cases at the DVLA in Swansea?

[To be answered by the Minister for Housing and Local Government]

David Rees (Aberavon): What actions is the Welsh Government taking to support residents who were evacuated from their homes in Skewen following flooding caused by water emanating from old mine workings?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Appointment of an Acting Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

(15 mins)

NDM7559 John Griffiths (Newport East)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with paragraph 4 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 and Standing Order 10.5 nominates Nick Bennett for appointment by Her Majesty as Acting Public Services Ombudsman for Wales for a term starting on 1 August 2021 and ending on 31 March 2022.

Supporting documents

[Report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#)

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Care and support for stroke survivors

(30 mins)

NDM7463 Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the publication of research by the Stroke Association into the experiences of stroke survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic, which found that stroke survivors and carers are struggling to access the services and support they need.

2. Notes that admissions at acute stroke units in Wales fell 12 per cent between April and June 2020 compared to 2019.
3. Believes that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, stroke survivors should be able to continue to access the acute care, rehabilitation, mental health treatment and support they need to make the best possible recovery.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure local health boards in Wales continue their work to improve stroke care in Wales and do not allow COVID-19 to delay much needed structural changes.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a new national plan for stroke services upon the expiration of the current Stroke Delivery Plan to ensure care for those affected by stroke is strengthened throughout Wales in the future.

[Stroke Delivery Plan 2017-2020](#)

Co-submitters

[Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

Supporters

[Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

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

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – The supply and rollout of COVID-19 vaccines

(30 mins)

NDM7562 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the swift action taken by the UK Conservative Government in securing access to 367 million vaccine doses and ensuring the UK was the first country in the world to authorise a vaccine.
2. Recognises the significant supply of vaccines provided by the UK Conservative Government to all home nations.
3. Regrets the slow start to the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in Wales.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a five-point plan to guarantee the success of the vaccination programme, which includes:
 - a) appointing a Welsh Government vaccines minister;
 - b) cutting red tape to enable pharmacies and retired or former health professionals to administer the vaccines;
 - c) setting clear targets and publishing detailed daily information to ensure the vaccination programme is on track in all parts of Wales;
 - d) mobilising a 'volunteer army' to support the Welsh NHS in the delivery of the vaccination programme; and
 - e) introducing 24/7 vaccinations at centres across the country.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the swift action taken by the independent regulator, the MHRA, ensuring the UK was the first country in the world to authorise a vaccine.
2. Notes the action taken by the UK Government on behalf of the 4 nations to secure vaccine supplies.
3. Notes that roll-out across Wales and the rest of the UK is dependent on security of supply from the manufacturers.

4. Notes that delays in supply of OAZ have a direct impact on roll out in primary care.

5. Notes the Welsh Government strategy to deliver the following 3 key milestones:

a) by mid-February – all care home residents and staff; frontline health and social care staff; everyone over 70 and everyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable will have been offered vaccination;

b) by the spring – vaccination will have been offered to all the other phase one priority groups. This is everyone over 50 and everyone who is at-risk because they have an underlying health condition;

c) by the autumn – vaccination will have been offered to all other eligible adults in Wales, in line with any guidance issued by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 2 tabled to the motion was not selected.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – Flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf

(30 mins)

NDM7561 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish an independent inquiry into flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to protect communities in Rhondda Cynon Taf and across Wales from flooding, by:

a) establishing a Welsh flood agency to co-ordinate flood risk management and the response to flooding events;

- b) designating blue belts to restrict unnecessary development in areas of significant flood risk;
- c) increasing investment in flood defences and flood risk management;
- d) facilitating independent inquiries into significant flooding events to ensure learning;
- e) ensuring that funding is immediately available to councils, emergency services and Natural Resources Wales to get through the initial clean-up stage effectively; and
- f) working with the insurance industry to ensure that homes and businesses can access affordable flood-related insurance.

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

Amendment 2. [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) commend the work of the emergency responders, flood risk management authorities and all those who helped in the response to intense flooding events in 2020 and 2021 in Rhondda Cynon Taff and across Wales;
- b) ensure all independent flood investigations are subject to scrutiny by the public and independent experts so the full facts are available and can be acted upon;
- c) continue to support our Risk Management Authorities in Rhondda Cynon Taff and across Wales to ensure defences remain operational and help those homeowners who have been affected by the impacts of flooding whilst coping with the coronavirus pandemic; and
- d) support the measures in our new National Strategy for flood and coastal risk to ensure we increase the resilience of our communities to the increasingly severe risks from the changing climate.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7560 [Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#)

Making a pitch for the future: the benefits of artificial grass sports pitches in Wales.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 February 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 20/01/2021 for answer on 27/01/2021

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

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

1

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

OQ56189

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve the economy of South Wales West in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

2

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

OQ56176

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on support for businesses in Caerphilly affected by the coronavirus pandemic?

3

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

OQ56190

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of Brexit on the economy of North Wales?

4

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

OQ56186

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**(e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government investment to support economic development in the Heads of the Valleys?

5

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

OQ56169

**(e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the WelTAG process that is examining increased frequency on the Maesteg-Bridgend rail route?

6

**Gareth Bennett** *South Wales Central*

OQ56184

**(e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of coronavirus on the economy in South Wales Central?

7

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

OQ56188

**(e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on financial support for businesses closed in January 2021 due to COVID-19 regulations?

8

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

OQ56172

**(e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on road improvement schemes in mid Wales?

9

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

OQ56183

**(e)**

How is the Welsh Government working with the UK Government to improve the strength and quality of broadband access to homes in Wales where people are working or learning?

10

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

OQ56179

**(e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government efforts to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic?

11

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

OQ56177

**(w)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact that leaving the European Union has had on the Port of Holyhead?

12

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

OQ56167

**(e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on supporting the economy of the Swansea City region?

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**COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN TRANSITION**

1

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

OQ56175

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**(e)**

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact that the trade agreement between the UK and EU will have on the future of the Welsh steel industry, particularly the Trostre works in Llanelli?

2

**Dawn Bowden** *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

OQ56180

**(e)**

What discussions has the Welsh Government held with the UK Government about workers' rights since the end of the transition period?

3

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

OQ56182

**(e)**

What measures are in place to help Welsh exporters transition to the new terms of trade with the European Union's single market?

4

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

OQ56192

**(w)**

What analysis has the Counsel General made of the restrictions the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 places on the Senedd's ability to legislate now that the transition period has come to an end?

5

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

OQ56168

**(e)**

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Minister for the Economy, Transport and North Wales regarding the impact of the expansion of direct shipping routes from Ireland to the EU on the Welsh economy?

6

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

OQ56178

**(e)**

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020?

7

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

OQ56171

**(e)**

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the progress of the UK common frameworks?

8

**Bethan Sayed** *South Wales West*

OQ56174

**(e)**

Withdrawn

What efforts is the Welsh Government undertaking to seek participation in the Erasmus scheme, post-EU transition?

9

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

OQ56191

**(e)**

What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of leaving the EU on Welsh ports?