

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

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.

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.

#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Social Justice

(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 the Constitution

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(20 mins)

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## 4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Climate Change :

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of significant gas price increases and the concurrent increase in energy prices on Welsh consumers?

## 5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

## 6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Ambulance response times

(60 mins)

**NDM7779** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that just over half of red ambulance calls met the Welsh Government's target of eight minutes in July 2021.
2. Further notes the immense pressure the Welsh Ambulance Service is under with increasing transfer-of-care times of up to 18 hours.
3. Recognises the hard work and dedication of Welsh Ambulance Service staff in such challenging circumstances.
4. Acknowledges the pressures in social and primary care and the knock-on effects on the ambulance service.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) declare an emergency in the Welsh Ambulance Service.
  - b) bring forward a comprehensive plan to improve ambulance response times, including action to:
    - i) ensure an adequate social care workforce;

- ii) improve access to face-to-face primary care appointments; and
- iii) increase hospital bed capacity.
- c) set out a clear plan and timetable for raising the wage of care workers across Wales.
- d) consider engaging the support of Her Majesty's Armed Forces to assist with increasing ambulance response capacity.
- e) redouble efforts for the rapid recruitment of paramedics.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that in the context of record levels of demand, just over half of red ambulance calls met the Welsh Government's target in July 2021
2. Further notes the immense pressure on all health and care services in Wales including the Welsh Ambulance Service and the range of national and local challenges that impact patient flow
3. Recognises the hard work and dedication of Welsh Ambulance Service staff and all health and care service staff in such challenging circumstances
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) ensure the actions identified in the Emergency Ambulance Service Committee delivery plan are delivered with pace and purpose;
  - b) support a range of initiatives to drive recruitment and retention within the social care sector and provide support to social care employers;
  - c) improve access to face-to-face primary care appointments where clinically appropriate;
  - d) deliver on its Programme for Government commitment to pay care workers the real living wage;

- e) continue engagement with Her Majesty's Armed Forces to assist with increasing ambulance response capacity; and
- f) redouble efforts for the rapid recruitment of ambulance clinicians.

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

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

Add as new sub-points at end of point 5:

Genuinely integrate health and care services nationally

Train and recruit 6,000 additional staff into the NHS, including doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals

### **7 Plaid Cymru debate – A four-day working week**

(60 mins)

#### **NDM7780 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the change in work practices as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and that this has brought with it many wellbeing and work-life balance benefits.
2. Believes that reforming working practices to meet the challenges of the automation revolution is necessary.
3. Notes with interest that governments in Scotland, Spain and Ireland are planning national-level pilots for a four-day working week.
4. Recognises pilots of a four-day working week in Iceland were an overwhelming success and led to many workers moving to shorter hours with no reduction in pay.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a four-day working week pilot in Wales to explore the benefits to all Welsh workers, the economy and the environment.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete points 3, 4 and 5.

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

**Amendment 2 – [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)**

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the progress that is made through pilots in other countries and examine the lessons Wales can learn.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that working arrangements should be agreed between employers and employees and that no workers or employers should be forced to adopt a four-day working week.

**Amendment 4 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that employment matters are reserved to the UK Parliament.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM7774 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)**

We are what we eat: focusing on the nutrient density of food in order to improve public health.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 September 2021

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 15/09/2021 for answer on 22/09/2021

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

### MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

1

**OQ56885 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting veterans in Wales?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

2

**OQ56872 (w)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that the membership of the boards of public bodies reflect society?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

3

**OQ56880 (w)**

Will the Minister make a statement on banking services for voluntary bodies and organisations in Wales?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

4

**OQ56845 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on pre-appointment hearings for public appointments?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

5

**OQ56864 (w)**

What discussions has the Minister held with the police and crime commissioners, the police, and criminal justice agencies about racism in the justice system?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

6

**OQ56888 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government's latest assessment of economic and social inequality in Wales?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

7

**OQ56876 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting the development of Banc Cambria? Transferred for written answer by the Minister for Economy.

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

**8** OQ56851 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the creation of food pantry schemes in Cynon Valley?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**9** OQ56879 (e)

What support has the Welsh Government put in place for voluntary organisations in North Wales?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**10** OQ56873 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve digital inclusion in Vale of Clwyd?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**11** OQ56884 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on support for women refugees from Afghanistan in Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

**12** OQ56866 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the impact of COVID-19 regulations on access to places of worship?

## COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

**1** OQ56891 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to encourage the use of technology in Welsh elections?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

**2** OQ56856 (e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the proposed constitutional convention?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

**3** OQ56875 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with law officers regarding the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report, Women's State Pension Age: Our Findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' Communication of Changes?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

4

**OQ56870 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Minister for Climate Change regarding calling in planning applications in Wales?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

5

**OQ56861 (e)**

Will the Counsel General make a statement on how the current devolution settlement enables the Welsh Government to promote workers' rights?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

6

**OQ56877 (e)** *Withdrawn*

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on the devolution of justice to Wales?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

7

**OQ56853 (e)**

What representations has the Counsel General made to the UK Government regarding restoring legal aid for early advice and reassessing the means test?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

8

**OQ56887 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure constitutional arrangements reflect the new political architecture of the UK?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

9

**OQ56846 (e)**

Will the Counsel General confirm the Welsh Government's position on devolving policing and justice?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

10

**OQ56849 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General given to the Minister for Climate Change on the legal requirements in respect of siting speed cameras in Wales?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

11

**OQ56857 (e)**

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the legal basis of COVID-19 regulations?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

12

**OQ56852 (e)**

What discussions has the Counsel General held regarding the reform of intergovernmental machinery at a UK level?

## SENEDD COMMISSION

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

1

**OQ56865 (e)**

Will the Commission make a statement on plans to enable every Member to attend the Senedd estate to participate in Senedd business?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

2

**OQ56882 (e)** *Withdrawn*

What are the Commission's plans for reopening the Pierhead building?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

3

**OQ56847 (e)**

What proposals does the Senedd Commission have to make the Senedd estate carbon neutral?

**Luke Fletcher** *South Wales West*

4

**OQ56844 (e)**

What work is the Commission undertaking to make the Senedd estate dementia friendly?