

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

60(v3)

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

(30 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 have been accepted

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal: Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy) – Marine planning in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM7896 [Janet Finch–Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on marine planning in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) make provisions for policies that would help guide the siting of developments away from the most ecologically sensitive areas, minimise the cumulative impacts on vulnerable habitats and species, and provide greater certainty to developers;
 - b) create a duty for the Welsh Government to facilitate the creation of a national marine development plan, and review it at least once in every Senedd;
 - c) establish strategic resource areas for marine energy;
 - d) publish a strategy for reversing seabirds decline;
 - e) require that offshore wind farms include habitat restoration of the seabed; strategy for sustainable seafood harvesting from within the area of the windfarm and, environmental enhancement measures.

7 Welsh Conservative debate – The Armed Forces

(60 mins)

NDM7955 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the service and sacrifice of people from Wales in the UK armed forces.
2. Expresses gratitude to current and former armed forces personnel for their contribution to Welsh society.
3. Welcomes the appointment of Colonel James Phillips as the first Veterans' Commissioner for Wales.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Veterans' Commissioner and the UK Government to ensure that the armed forces covenant is upheld in Wales.
5. Believes that the Welsh Government's armed forces covenant annual reports should be considered by an appropriate Senedd committee.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – The cost of living crisis – the effect on schools and children

(60 mins)

NDM7954 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the cost-of-living crisis has a particular effect on schools and children.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to increase efforts to ensure measures to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools are implemented as effectively as possible by:

a) reviewing the effectiveness of statutory guidance on school uniform policies to ensure consistent affordability across Wales;

b) taking urgent steps to ensure school meal debt does not negatively affect pupils;

c) improving signposting of the pupil development grant – access;

d) working towards automatic registration of all entitlements to support uptake and income maximisation;

e) providing further support to schools to provide inclusive trips and activities for all and ensure consistent practice across Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Insert as new sub-point after sub-point 2(a) and renumber accordingly:

'ensuring that the move to universal free school meals does not negatively impact any children in Wales who would have received additional funding or support'

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7947 [Gareth Davies \(Vale of Clwyd\)](#)

Restoring our seaside towns to their former glory: a necessary task or an impossible ask?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 March 2022

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 09/03/2022 for answer on 16/03/2022

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

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1

OQ57781 (e)

How is the Welsh Government tackling poverty in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2

OQ57805 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government initiatives to assist households with ongoing increases in the cost of living?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

3

OQ57787 (w)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on children?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

4

OQ57799 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards a Welsh welfare system?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

5

OQ57779 (e)

What recent discussions has the Minister had with the Ministry of Justice on the establishment of the first residential women's centre in Wales?

Sarah Murphy *Bridgend*

6

OQ57783 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the UK Government's proposals to replace the Human Rights Act 1998?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

7

OQ57793 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language about measures to support disabled students to access higher education?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

8

OQ57801 (e)

What policies is the Welsh Government following to support the most vulnerable through the cost-of-living crisis?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

9

OQ57798 (e)

What safeguards are in place to ensure international students are not discriminated against when applying for jobs in Wales?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

10

OQ57804 (w)

What support is available to tackle fuel poverty in Dwyfor Meirionnydd?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

11

OQ57776 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of how many staff of Welsh Government-funded bodies are employed on less than the real living wage?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

12

OQ57797 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Post Office about ensuring everybody in Wales has adequate access to services?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

1

OQ57785 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the proposed changes to the Human Rights Act 1998 on the Welsh devolution settlement?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2

OQ57802 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding any assistance it can provide to the International Criminal Court investigation into suspected war crimes committed by Russian forces in Ukraine?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

3 OQ57789 (e)

What conversations has the Counsel General had with the UK Government to ensure Welsh residents do not face barriers to justice?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

4 OQ57784 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Law Society on the proposal by the SRA to close the solicitors indemnity fund?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

5 OQ57796 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General given to the Welsh Government about whether it is the Welsh Government or the UK Government that has the power to issue work-from-home guidance in relation to COVID-19 in Wales?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

6 OQ57782 (e)

What legal advice has the Counsel General given the Welsh Government on its powers in relation to the expansion of Aberpergwm coal mine?

SENEDD COMMISSION

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

1 OQ57803 (w)

What steps has the Commission taken to ensure that the Senedd is accessible to blind and partially sighted people?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

2 OQ57786 (e)

Will the Commission provide an update on biodiversity on the Senedd estate?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

3 OQ57794 (w)

What mental health support does the Commission provide to its staff?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

4 OQ57792 (w) Member declared an interest

Will the Commission make a statement on how it encourages the public's participation in Senedd committees?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

5

OQ57807 (e)

What assessment has the Commission made of the impact of the economic sanctions on Russia on staff and Members' pension funds?