

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 January 2023

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.

#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Local Government (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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#### 2 Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd (45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

[James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on his expectations of his meetings with the teaching trade unions later this week in terms of avoiding school closures?



#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee report – The future of bus and rail in Wales**

(60 mins)

**NDM8180** [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report, ‘The future of bus and rail in Wales’, [laid](#) on 6 October 2022.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 January 2023.

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Offshore renewable energy**

(60 mins)

**NDM8183** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that utilising Welsh coastal waters will help to deliver a revolution in green, renewable energy.
2. Notes that an estimated 10,000 green jobs and wider benefits can be created.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to support the development of offshore renewable energies in Wales, ensuring the delivery of a sufficiently skilled workforce and enhanced manufacturing capacity.

#### **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Management of NHS pressures**

(60 mins)

**NDM8181** [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets the Welsh Government's mismanagement of the pressures facing the NHS.
2. Declares a health crisis in Wales.

## Supporters

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

## 8 Voting Time

## 9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

**NDM8182** [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Developing the hydrogen energy sector in Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 January 2023

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 11/01/2023 for answer on 18/01/2023

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### MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

**1** OQ58945 (e)

How is the Welsh Government prioritising interventions to eliminate fuel poverty within its draft budget for 2023-24?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

**2** OQ58962 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with local government partners on how they can support residents during the cost-of-living crisis?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**3** OQ58963 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding funding local authorities to promote public health?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**4** OQ58967 (e)

How is the Minister working with the Minister for Climate Change to ensure that local authorities have the funding required to meet their climate change commitments?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

**5** OQ58968 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities about the expectation for them to maintain non-statutory public services following the 2022-23 budget?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

**6** OQ58961 (w)

What discussions has the Minister had with other Ministers regarding the funding of preventive health measures across the Government?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**7** OQ58952 (e)

What financial assessment has the Minister made of local authorities' approach to investing in school catering?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ58953 (w)**

What discussions is the Minister having with councils in South Wales Central regarding the future of non-statutory services in light of the financial challenges that they are facing?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

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**OQ58956 (e)**

What consideration did the Minister give to highway maintenance when deciding this year's local authority settlement?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ58939 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's budget priorities for 2023-24 in Pembrokeshire?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ58942 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's council tax premium policy?

## **MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD**

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

1

**OQ58955 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to make Wales pollinator friendly?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

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**OQ58965 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on efforts to combat the spread of disease in livestock in Mid and West Wales?

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

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**OQ58943 (e)**

What is the Minister doing to help manage common land in South Wales East?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ58948 (e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding the use of genetic modification of plants for carbon sequestration?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

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**OQ58964 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government encouraging local authorities to enhance urban green infrastructure in Gwent?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

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**OQ58949 (e)**

What measures is the Welsh Government taking to reduce the catfish population in Denbighshire?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

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**OQ58966 (w)**

How will the Government measure the success of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill 2022?

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

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**OQ58959 (e)** *Withdrawn*

What action is the Welsh Government taking to help mitigate the impact of high energy costs on farmers' businesses?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

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**OQ58946 (e)**

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for creating a vibrant agricultural industry sector?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

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**OQ58941 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect threatened wildlife species?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

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**OQ58969 (w)**

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change about how farmers can contribute to improving energy efficiency in Arfon?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

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**OQ58957 (e)**

What assessment has the Minister made of the health of the Welsh egg industry?