

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

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 Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

[Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the reported allegations of bullying and sexism at the WRU involving the Women's International team?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales



[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of other Transport for Wales trains fitted with the automated safety system intended to spray sand during wheel slippage which failed on a train involved in the recent fatal crash in Powys, and what is the assessed risk of similar failures?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a statement on the recent COVID-19 inquiry revelation by Public Health Wales, which highlights missing data regarding NHS staff deaths due to COVID?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

**5 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report –
Seventeenth report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9**

(15 mins)

NDM8707 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Seventeenth Report to the Sixth Senedd [laid](#) before the Senedd on 30 October 2024 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

**6 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report –
Eighteenth report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9**

(15 mins)

NDM8708 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Eighteenth Report to the Sixth Senedd [laid](#) before the Senedd on 30 October 2024 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

7 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Annual Report: European Union Settlement Scheme

(60 mins)

NDM8710 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: 'Annual Report: European Union Settlement Scheme' [laid](#) on 8 April 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 October 2024.

Supporting documents

[Senedd Research – EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\): monitoring report](#)

8 Debate on petition P-06-1400 – Fair and Adequate Resourcing of General Practice in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM8709 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1400 Fair and Adequate Resourcing of General Practice in Wales](#)' which received 21,620 signatures.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Welsh Government response to UK Government budget

(60 mins)

NDM8713 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that the UK Government's Autumn Budget breaks Labour's manifesto commitment to not raise taxes on working people.
2. Regrets that many pensioners will have to choose between eating and heating as a result of the withdrawal of winter fuel payments.

3. Recognises that the increase in employer national insurance contributions will make it harder for businesses to employ and retain staff.

4. Expresses its disappointment that the UK Government's budget has failed to deliver either the electrification of the North Wales main line or Barnett consequential from the HS2 project for Wales.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) use funding arising from the Autumn Budget to support reducing NHS waiting lists and strengthen social care services across Wales;

b) deliver support to Welsh pensioners through the winter months via the establishment of a Welsh winter fuel allowance;

c) increase investment in the Welsh education system to improve learner outcomes in our schools;

d) protect farmers by supporting the case to maintain agricultural property relief and business property relief for inheritance tax purposes; and

e) stand up for Wales by seeking a new, needs based funding formula to replace the Barnett formula.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes:

a) the UK budget and the additional £1.7 billion funding for Wales; and

b) the additional funding for coal tip safety and the increase in capital funding for infrastructure investment.

2. Recognises this is a first step towards repairing the damage inflicted by the previous UK Government on public services and public finances.

3. Notes that the Welsh Government will:

a) publish its draft budget in December, setting out how it will support Wales's priorities and public services, including the NHS, schools and local government; and

b) continue to work with the UK Government to secure fair rail funding for Wales and improved budget flexibilities.

If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be de-selected.

Amendment 2 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at the start of motion and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the profound damage caused to Welsh public finances and services by fourteen years of austerity under the previous Conservative UK Government and the fallout from the October 2022 mini budget.

Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the failure to scrap the cruel two-child benefit cap which directly contributes to the shocking prevalence of child poverty in society.

Amendment 4 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Expresses its disappointment that the UK Government's budget failed to include any HS2 consequential funding for Wales, provided no new money for rail electrification projects, and reduced the departmental comparability factor for UK rail spending relative to Wales even further, which will exacerbate the systematic underinvestment of Wales's rail network.

Amendment 5 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point after point 4:

Expresses disappointment at the inaction of the current Labour UK Government on devolving the Crown Estate to enable Wales to benefit from the wealth of its own natural resources.

Amendment 6 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls:

- a) on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government to scrap the two-child benefit cap without delay;
- b) for a fair funding deal for local authorities in the upcoming Welsh budget to ensure their finances are not adversely affected by the rise in employer national insurance contributions; and
- c) on the Welsh Government to utilise the additional money it received from the autumn budget to reverse the cut to business rate relief announced in April.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8711 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

The future of local healthcare in rural Wales.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 30/10/2024 for answer on 06/11/2024

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

1 OQ61803 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the private rental sector?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

2 OQ61814 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's position regarding the implementation of rent controls?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

3 OQ61799 (w)

What support does the Welsh Government offer to organisations that convert empty commercial property into residential houses?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

4 OQ61788 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the implementation of the Arbed scheme in Caerau?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5 OQ61777 (e)

Does the Welsh Government monitor how local authorities fulfil their duties under the Equality Act 2010?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

6 OQ61773 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on co-operative housing in Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

7 OQ61781 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure that local authorities are able to effectively deliver services in rural areas?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

8 OQ61805 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure local authorities are carrying out their statutory duties effectively?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

9 OQ61789 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Warm Homes programme?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

1 OQ61815 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to boost the take up of STEM subjects in further and higher education?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

2 OQ61812 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Government's response following the conviction of Neil Foden?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

3 OQ61798 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve teacher recruitment and retention in South Wales West?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

4 OQ61780 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve educational outcomes for young people in South Wales East?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

5 OQ61800 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage more girls to study STEM subjects?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

6 OQ61811 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the use of e-sgol in South Wales East?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

7 OQ61782 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing schools with regards to toddlers attending in nappies?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

8 OQ61786 (e)

What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to improve public access to school sporting facilities outside of school hours?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

9 OQ61774 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the teaching of modern foreign languages?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

10 OQ61797 (e)

What guidance is the Cabinet Secretary providing to schools on the use of smart phones during lessons?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11 OQ61806 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's current assessment of the suitability of school uniform policy across Wales?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

12 OQ61809 (e)

What role does the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research have in raising the status of high-level apprenticeships to achieve parity with degree qualifications?