

## Agenda – Plenary

---

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

### 264(v3)

---

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 First Minister

(45 mins)

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

[View Questions](#)

#### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

#### 3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care:

Update on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

(45 mins)

#### 4 The Non-Domestic Rating (Withdrawal of Charitable Relief for Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2025

(15 mins)

NDM8836 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)



To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Non-Domestic Rating (Withdrawal of Charitable Relief for Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2025 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 28 January 2025.

## Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

## 5 Debate: Welsh Rates of Income Tax 2025–26

(15 mins)

**NDM8833** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with section 116D of the Government of Wales Act 2006, agrees the Welsh rate resolution for the 2025–26 Welsh rates of income tax as follows:

- a) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the basic rate of income tax is 10p in the pound;
- b) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the higher rate of income tax is 10p in the pound; and
- c) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the additional rate of income tax is 10p in the pound.

## 6 Debate: The Final Budget 2025–26

(60 mins)

**NDM8834** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25, approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2025–26 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language on 20 February 2025.

## 7 Debate: The Local Government Settlement 2025–26

(60 mins)

**NDM8835** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 February 2025.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Labour UK Government's failure to deliver a fair funding arrangement for Wales means that local authorities have had to deal with a significant increase in council tax and further cuts to public services.

## 8 Debate: The Police Settlement 2025–26

(30 mins)

**NDM8819** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 31 January 2025.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the increase in police precept of council tax as a result of shortfalls in direct funding from Westminster to Welsh police forces.

## 9 Debate: The general principles of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

NDM8837 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

The [Legislation \(Procedure, Publication and Repeals\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 21 October 2024.

The report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 14 February 2025.

### Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

[Government response to the report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

## 10 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 5 March 2025

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 27/02/2025 for answer on 04/03/2025

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

### FIRST MINISTER

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

**1** OQ62403 (e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on what support the Welsh Government is providing to Welsh universities?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**2** OQ62388 (e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the digitisation of medical records across the NHS?

**Hannah Blythyn** *Delyn*

**3** OQ62411 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the green industry in Delyn?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**4** OQ62408 (e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the availability of NHS dental treatment in North Wales?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**5** OQ62396 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support isolated communities in south-east Wales?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**6** OQ62389 (e)

What is the First Minister doing to support young farmers in Brecon and Radnorshire?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**7** OQ62373 (e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the teaching of modern foreign languages in Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

**8** OQ62382 (e) Member declared an interest

Will the First Minister make a statement on the 12 per cent fall in house prices in north-west Wales in the year to November 2024?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

**9** OQ62378 (e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of library services in communities in South Wales East?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**10** OQ62398 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring the expansion of renewable energy that benefits local residents?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**11** OQ62386 (e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on community transport in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**12** OQ62409 (w)

How will the Welsh Government support charities and third-sector organisations in Arfon facing financial difficulties following the increase in national insurance?