

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

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 First Minister

(45 mins)

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

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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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3 Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme 2025–26

(45 mins)

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: NHS Dental reform

(45 mins)



**5 Statement by the Minister for Children and Social Care:
Transformation Programme for Children’s Social Services**

(45 mins)

6 Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2024–25

(30 mins)

NDM8831 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2024–25 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2025.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- (i) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- (ii) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- (iii) a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- (iv) a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion;
- (v) a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c); and

(vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

Supporting Documents

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

7 Debate: The Estyn Annual Report 2023–24

(60 mins)

NDM8856 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the 2023–24 Annual Report of His Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales that was [laid](#) in Table Office on 21 February 2025.
2. Notes that the Welsh education and training sectors have significant strengths but there are areas that continue to require improvement.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Estyn's 2024–25 Annual Report has highlighted issues around reduced attendance, poor pupil behaviour and challenges around recruiting staff, which are having a negative impact on education in Wales.

Amendment 2 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales's latest PISA results for maths, reading and writing are the lowest in the United Kingdom.

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

Add as a new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets that the Annual Report notes that:

- a) at the current rate of improvement, it would take over 10 years for secondary attendance to improve to pre-pandemic levels;
- b) teacher recruitment to subjects with a shortage or can deliver through the medium of Welsh, continues to cause particular concern; and
- c) in too many cases, the quality of teaching and assessment is not good enough.

8 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 19 March 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 13/03/2025 for answer on 18/03/2025

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

FIRST MINISTER

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

1 OQ62487 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting businesses in the defence sector in Wales?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

2 OQ62472 (w)

How is Welsh Government supporting plans to improve the health and wellbeing provision for Nantlle Valley residents?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

3 OQ62486 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to commission its own review of the water industry to assess the merits of bringing it into public ownership?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

4 OQ62482 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's vision for job coaching and supported employment?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

5 OQ62485 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support people living in communities near sites of contaminated land in South Wales East?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

6 OQ62465 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve road connectivity in Denbighshire?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

7 OQ62457 (e)

What assessment has the First Minister made of the impact of Brexit on Pontypridd?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

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OQ62484 (w)

Will the Welsh Government be formally responding to the Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities' report: Empowering communities, strengthening the Welsh language, published in August 2024?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

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OQ62483 (e)

Will the First Minister provide an update on the oversight arrangements of companies that are wholly owned by the Welsh Government?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

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OQ62454 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting communities affected by wind energy proposals in Brecon and Radnorshire?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

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OQ62488 (e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on eye-care services for children?