

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in Siambwr Hywel, Tŷ Hywel and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

(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 Health and Social Care

(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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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding the circumstances that led to the reclassification of the Oxford to Cambridge East West Rail programme from an 'England only' project to an 'England and Wales' project?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



5 Dissolution of committees

(5 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following motions together but with separate votes

NDM8922 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Reform Bill Committee was established on 12 July 2023 for the purpose of scrutinising the Bills relating to Senedd reform referred to it by the Business Committee.
2. Notes that the Business Committee does not intend to refer further matters to the Committee.
3. Agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, that the Reform Bill Committee should cease to exist.

NDM8924 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Future Senedd Committee was established on 16 October 2024 to consider and report by 9 May 2025 on: the organisation of business in the Seventh Senedd; barriers to representative participation; and thresholds set in Standing Orders.
2. Notes that the Committee's reports were laid on [28 February 2025](#), and [9 May 2025](#).
3. Agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, that the Future Senedd Committee should cease to exist.

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Anything's Achievable with the Right Support: Tackling the Disability Employment Gap

(60 mins)

NDM8918 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: 'Anything's achievable with the right support: Tackling the Disability Employment Gap' [laid](#) on 6 March 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2025.

7 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Green economy

(60 mins)

NDM8919 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Green Economy, [laid](#) on 14 March 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2025

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Solar energy

(60 mins)

NDM8917 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) announce a moratorium on all applications to place solar panels on agricultural land;
- b) undertake a review of the potential of solar energy in Wales; and
- c) develop a solar strategy for Wales.

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) continue to work with developers for solar projects as required, to ensure they understand the robust planning policies we have in place in Wales; and
- b) continue to progress work on the renewable energy sector deal, which will

include solar technologies, following on from the work of the Offshore Wind Task and Finish Group.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – UK Government spending review

(60 mins)

NDM8923 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that UK Government will announce the conclusions of its spending review on 11 June.
2. Regrets that decisions taken by the Labour UK Government over the last year have disproportionately affected Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to introduce an economic fairness bill which:
 - a) ensures fair funding for Wales;
 - b) devolves powers to create new income tax bands; and
 - c) increases draw-down limits and borrowing powers in line with inflation.
4. Calls on the UK Government to:
 - a) address the historic underinvestment in Welsh rail infrastructure, commit to the full £4 billion of HS2 consequential funding and devolve powers and funding over rail infrastructure to Wales;
 - b) reinstate the winter fuel allowance as a universal provision and scrap the two child benefit cap without delay;
 - c) reimburse the Welsh Government in full for the impact of employer national insurance increases; and
 - d) introduce a wealth tax, ensuring that the burden falls on those individuals and corporations with the broadest shoulders to bear a fairer share of overall tax paid.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government will respond to the UK Government's Spending Review, setting out the implications for Wales, after it has analysed those implications, following announcements on 11 June.

If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected.

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) support the introduction of a Welsh Winter Fuel allowance;
- b) spend the full Barnett uplift for health, on health;
- c) press the UK Government to reverse the increase in employers' national insurance contributions;
- d) further press the UK Government to abolish the family farm tax; and
- e) confirm that any consequentials resulting from HS2 spending will be spent on Wales-only projects.

10 Voting time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 June 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 04/06/2025 for answer on 11/06/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY, ENERGY AND PLANNING

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

1 OQ62827 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the future viability of Cardiff Airport?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

2 OQ62821 (w) *Withdrawn*

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Government's commitment to develop a community bank?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

3 OQ62836 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to boost the economy of South Wales East?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

4 OQ62808 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of universities in developing the economy?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

5 OQ62812 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that the integration of artificial intelligence in the workplace does not infringe on workers' rights?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

6 OQ62828 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language regarding the implications of the visitor levy for major events?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

7 OQ62834 (e) *Withdrawn*

What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of the impact of large onshore renewable energy projects on communities?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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OQ62831 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the planning consent requirements for large-scale pylon schemes?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

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OQ62815 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the culture and arts sectors across South Wales West?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

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OQ62811 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's timeline for the upgrade of internet provision from copper cabling to fibre optic cabling?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

11

OQ62841 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on developing renewable energy projects on best and most versatile agricultural land?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

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OQ62839 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve access to sport for children with disabilities?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

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OQ62807 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the dementia action plan?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

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OQ62822 (e)

What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to address the late diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and to ensure earlier access to diagnostic tools for patients?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

3 OQ62814 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Chief Medical Officer for Wales to safeguard firefighters' health?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

4 OQ62826 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of how the new optometry contract for 2024-25 is working for patients?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

5 OQ62817 (w)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring support for women who experience pain or complications due to health treatments?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

6 OQ62829 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the provision of hospital patient transport by the NHS in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

7 OQ62813 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what action the Welsh Government is taking to reduce stillbirths and neonatal deaths?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

8 OQ62838 (w)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the performance of mental health services on Anglesey?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

9 OQ62837 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Housing to ensure new housing developments have adequate access to primary care services?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

10 OQ62824 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring dignified and compassionate end-of-life care across Mid and West Wales?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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OQ62823 (e)

What assessment has the Government made of the effectiveness of the dental access portal?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

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OQ62830 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on how the Welsh Government plans to rollout new pharmacy-based services?