

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

This meeting can be viewed

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/15180>

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

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

The item started at 14.17

All 9 questions were asked. Question 9 was answered by the Minister for Further and Higher Education. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.09

Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement after Transport for Wales had to cancel trains on the Valleys core lines due to damage caused by hot weather over the weekend?

Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government held with St David's Hospice about their decision to close their hospice in Holyhead?

4 90 Second Statements

No 90 Second Statements were submitted



5 Finance Committee Debate: Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2026–27 budget

The item started at 15.35

NDM8961 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the engagement work undertaken by the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government's spending priorities for the 2026–27 budget, and further notes the representations made by participants at the following events:

- a) a stakeholder event at the Management Centre, Bangor University;
- b) citizen engagement focus groups; and
- c) engagement events with young people, including a workshop with Members from the Welsh Youth Parliament.

[Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Finance Committee Summary Engagement Report](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Statement by Mark Isherwood MS: Introduction of a Member Proposed Bill – The British Sign Language (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.27

7 Debate on the Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee report: Inquiry Module 1

The item started at 17.07

NDM8962 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Wales covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee, ‘Report on the gaps identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and

other Welsh public bodies during the covid-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination: UK covid-19 Inquiry Module 1', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 March 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Sustainable Farming Scheme

The item started at 17.48

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8960 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the importance of agriculture to the Welsh economy, culture, language, environment, and rural communities.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a final, binding vote in the Senedd on its proposed sustainable farming scheme, prior to its implementation, to ensure democratic legitimacy, and the confidence of the agricultural sector.

[Proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme](#)

Supporters

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

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	0	22	42

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Welcomes the proposed introduction of the Sustainable Farming Scheme; and
Notes that the Welsh Government will be bringing forward a Statutory Instrument which contains key provisions underpinning the Scheme.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	22	43

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.50

10 Short Debate: Cefin Campbell

This item has been postponed until 17 September

Vote Summary

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

The meeting concluded at 18.52

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 September 2025