

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

### 295 (v3)

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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 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 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?



## To ask 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**

(0 mins)

No 90 Second Statements were submitted.

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

(60 mins)

**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](#)

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

(60 mins)

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

(60 mins)

**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.

## **8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Sustainable Farming Scheme**

(60 mins)

**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 \(North Wales\)](#)

The following amendment was 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.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate: Cefin Campbell**

(0 mins)

Postponed until 17 September.

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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 09/07/2025 for answer on 16/07/2025

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**1** OQ63029 (e)

What analysis has the Welsh Government made of the effectiveness of Rent Smart Wales?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**2** OQ63035 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Government's house building programme for this Senedd term?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**3** OQ63019 (w)

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to improve the safety of councillors?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

**4** OQ63046 (e)

How many people have benefitted from the Help to Stay Wales scheme since it was established?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

**5** OQ63049 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting house building in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**6** OQ63018 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on local authority budgets for 2025-26?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**7** OQ63044 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of financial pressures on local government services?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

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**OQ63016 (e)**

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

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

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**OQ63039 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the affordable housing taskforce?

## **CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION**

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ63013 (e)**

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for schools in Preseli Pembrokeshire for the next twelve months?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

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**OQ63032 (e)**

How does the Welsh Government ensure there is sufficient Welsh-medium education provision across South Wales West?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

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**OQ63047 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve pupil attainment?

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

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**OQ63041 (w)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Government's plans to build new Welsh-medium schools in South Wales East?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

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**OQ63036 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary set out the next steps following the recent announcement regarding the new national body and statutory framework for youth work?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

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**OQ63033 (e)**

What oversight does the Welsh Government have of the compliance of schools, including faith schools, with regards to admission criteria that prioritise places for looked after children?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

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**OQ63030 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve teacher recruitment and retention?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

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**OQ63048 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on investment in education in Newport?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

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**OQ63014 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the provision of further education in Swansea?