

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

The item started at 13.30

Questions 2 to 3 and 5 to 10 were asked. Questions 1 and 4 were withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 3.

2 Questions to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

The item started at 14.21

Questions 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.15

Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the decision to approve the Alaw Môn solar farm on Ynys Môn?



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Answered by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery

[Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#): Will the Welsh Government make a statement on the implications for Wales of the UK Government's announcement of a 'Hillsborough Law'?

Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): How is the Welsh Government ensuring that Wales is not complicit in Israel's illegal occupation and military actions, in light of the UN commission of inquiry which has found Israel's actions in Gaza to be genocidal?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.59

Sian Gwenllian made a statement on Penra Deiniolen Committee.

Lesley Griffiths made a statement on Remembering the Gresford Colliery Disaster 91 years on (22 September 1934).

Hannah Blythyn made a statement on 110 years of the WI (Women's Institute).

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 16.04

NNDM8979 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Joel James (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Local Government and Housing Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate on the Petitions Committee report: P-06-1307 The Welsh Government should commit to the adoption of the maintenance of new housing estates by local authorities

The item started at 16.05

NDM8971 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee, ‘P-06-1307 The Welsh Government should commit to the adoption of the maintenance of new housing estates by local authorities’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 May 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 September 2025

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Turning up the heat before 2160 – time to pick up the pace on tackling fuel poverty

The item started at 16.47

NDM8972 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: “Turning up the heat before 2160 – time to pick up the pace on tackling fuel poverty”, which was [laid](#) on 7 April 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 September 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – UK Government autumn budget

The item started at 17.24

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8973 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the UK Government autumn budget will be published on 26 November 2025.

2. Regrets the failure of the UK Labour Government and the “partnership of power” between it and the Welsh Government to:

a) provide Wales with any consequential funding from the HS2 project;

b) devolve the Crown Estate in Wales, despite all Local Authorities in Wales supporting its devolution;

c) replace the outdated Barnett formula with a needs-based funding framework; and

d) deliver tangible improvements to the people of Wales to deal with cost of living pressures.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make urgent representations to the UK Labour Government, and publish the communication, requesting that the budget includes:

a) the reversal of the increase in employers' national insurance contributions

b) the implementation of fairer taxation measures, including:

(i) a 2% wealth tax on assets over £10 million; and

(ii) equalising capital gains tax with income tax rates;

c) the reclassification of HS2 as an England-only project, with a commitment to provide Wales with £4 billion in consequential funding;

d) a clear timetable for the devolution of the Crown Estate to Wales;

e) a commitment to replace the Barnett formula with a needs-based funding model;

f) a commitment to remove the two-child benefit cap;

g) targeted energy support grants for households in fuel poverty, similar to the 2022-23 Energy Bills Support Scheme; and

h) the introduction of an essentials guarantee to ensure that those on the lowest income can afford basic needs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	39	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the UK Government autumn budget will be published on 26 November 2025.
2. Regrets that both the UK Labour Government and Welsh Labour Government have failed to deliver for the people of Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make urgent representations to the UK Labour Government, and publish the communication, requesting that the budget includes:
 - a) the reversal of the increase in employers' national insurance contributions;
 - b) the reversal of the family farm tax;
 - c) the reclassification of HS2 as an England-only project, with a commitment to provide Wales with consequential funding;
 - d) a commitment to initiate a review into Wales's fiscal framework; and
 - e) a tax cutting agenda to support businesses and create jobs.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	1	38	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all after point 1.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	25	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the UK Government autumn budget will be published on 26 November 2025.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	25	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.22

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.26

NDM8974 [Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Bridging the rural divide: women's health in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.51

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 September 2025