

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 September 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 Finance and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 3.

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

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask 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?

To ask 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'?

To be 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

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

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.

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

(60 mins)

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

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

(60 mins)

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.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – UK Government autumn budget

(60 mins)

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.

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.

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

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

Delete all after point 1.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

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

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

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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 10/09/2025 for answer on 17/09/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

1

OQ63063 (e) Withdrawn

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline his priorities for the Welsh Government's budget for 2026-27?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

2

OQ63070 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the programme to introduce Welsh language standards?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

3

OQ63072 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government regarding how the Welsh Government can support local authorities through current inflationary pressures?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

4

OQ63079 (e) Withdrawn

What discussions is the Cabinet Secretary having with the UK Government regarding the impact on family-owned businesses in Wales of the forthcoming changes to business property relief?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

5

OQ63075 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about VAT on sun protection products?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

6

OQ63084 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's position on the future of the Barnett Formula?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

7

OQ63081 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the introduction of the rule for self-catering holiday lets requiring a property to be let for at least 182 days a year to be eligible for non-domestic rates rather than council tax?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

8

OQ63076 (w)

What is the Government doing to support new Welsh-medium schools in South Wales East?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

9

OQ63077 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales about fiscal incentives to encourage modal shift?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

10

OQ63089 (w)

What is the Government doing to promote the use of the Welsh language by private businesses?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

11

OQ63094 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to ensure that local government is adequately resourced?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

12

OQ63067 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the intended impact of the proposed changes to the 182-day letting threshold for self-catering holiday accommodation?

DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND CABINET SECRETARY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

1

OQ63058 (e)

How is the Government supporting farmers in South Wales East?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

2

OQ63090 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the number of council farms in Wales?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

3

OQ63071 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working to support farmers across South Wales West?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

4

OQ63078 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting farmers and other landowners affected by unpredictable flooding events?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

5

OQ63068 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans for a deposit return scheme?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

6

OQ63064 (e) Withdrawn Member declared an interest

What are the Cabinet Secretary's priorities for animal health for the remainder of this Senedd?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

7

OQ63093 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with farming unions and stakeholders regarding the sustainable farming scheme?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

8

OQ63054 (e)

What support does the Welsh Government provide for the horticultural sector?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

9

OQ63091 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on Welsh Government support for agricultural workers?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

10

OQ63066 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring resilience across the water network in Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

11

OQ63069 (e)

What are Welsh Government's plans for monitoring levels of microplastic contamination in the Welsh waterways?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

12

OQ63080 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce incidents of fly-tipping in South Wales East?