

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 1 October 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 3.

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

[Samuel Kurtz \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): What measures is the Welsh Government taking to contain bluetongue disease, and to support farmers and livestock markets, in light of the two confirmed cases in Wales?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM8994 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Alun Davies (Welsh Labour) as a member of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee.

Motion to Elect a Member to the Senedd's Commission

(5 mins)

NNDM8993 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 7.9, appoints Lesley Griffiths (Welsh Labour) as a Member of the Senedd Commission.

5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – a Bill on fly-tipping

(30 mins)

NDM8981 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on fly-tipping to make polluters pay for clear-up costs and to strengthen deterrents.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to strengthen legislation and reform the law on fly-tipping in respect of:
 - a) requiring offenders to meet the full costs of investigations and clear-ups undertaken by the local authority, Natural Resources Wales or private individuals;
 - b) requiring magistrates to order vehicle confiscations in all instances of proven fly-tipping;
 - c) providing appropriate training to magistrates to improve understanding of the full impact of fly-tipping on communities, the environment and public health;and
- d) placing a statutory requirement on local authorities to investigate all instances of fly-tipping.

Co-submitters

[Janet Finch–Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

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

6 Debate on petition: P–06–1489 Legislate to ensure swift bricks are installed in all new buildings in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM8987 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P–06–1489 Legislate to ensure swift bricks are installed in all new buildings in Wales](#)' which received 10,934 signatures.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The economy

(60 mins)

NDM8988 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Labour Market Overview published by the Office for National Statistics on 16 September 2025.

2. Regrets that under the Welsh Government:

a) Wales's unemployment rate has increased;

b) Wales's employment rate has decreased and is the lowest in the United Kingdom;

c) Wales's economic inactivity rate has increased and is the highest in Great Britain; and

d) Welsh wage packets are the lowest in the United Kingdom.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to create more jobs in Wales and boost growth by:

a) cutting the basic rate of income tax by 1 pence;

b) scrapping business rates for small businesses;

c) axing the tourism tax before it comes into force;

d) levelling-up the whole of Wales with adequate levels of investment for all parts of the country;

- e) calling on the UK Government to drop the increase in Employer's National Insurance Contributions and to reverse inheritance tax changes which are adversely impacting Welsh family firms and family farms; and
- f) scrapping the default 20mph speed limit to get Wales moving.

[Labour Market Overview](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government publication Labour market overview: September 2025.

Welcomes that under the Welsh Government:

- a) Wales's unemployment rate is lower than the UK rate;
- b) the employment rate gap between Wales and the UK has narrowed over the period since devolution;
- c) a range of support is in place to help economically inactive people return to work—particularly those facing complex barriers such as disability, long-term health conditions, or caring responsibilities; and
- d) in 2024, median gross weekly earnings for full-time adults working in Wales were higher than the North East of England, East Midlands, Northern Ireland and Yorkshire and the Humber.

[Labour market overview: September 2025](#)

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

Amendment 2 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all after point 2(d) and replace with:

Regrets the detrimental impact of decisions made by successive Westminster Governments on the Welsh economy, including:

- a) the ongoing impact of Brexit, which has inflicted a £4 billion hit on the Welsh economy and is a major barrier to business growth;
- b) the ongoing impact of austerity measures on public finances;
- c) the failure to deliver a fair funding formula for Wales, despite cross-party support for this in the Senedd;

- d) the failure to deliver promises to provide the Senedd with greater flexibilities to manage its budget;
- e) the failure to devolve the Crown Estate to enable Wales to profit from its own natural resources;
- f) the failure to provide Wales with its fair share of HS2 consequential;
- g) the failure to redistribute wealth evenly across the UK; and
- h) overseeing reckless fiscal policies, such as the Liz Truss mini budget, that have caused significant hardship for Welsh households.

Believes that both the previous Conservative UK Government and the current Labour UK Government have repeatedly and emphatically demonstrated their lack of commitment to advancing Wales's financial and economic interests.

Calls on the Welsh Government to boost jobs and growth by:

- a) showing it has influence within the 'partnership of power' by forcing the UK Labour Government to engage seriously with reforming Wales's funding arrangements;
- b) make representations to the UK Labour Government to reverse the increase to employer National Insurance contributions;
- c) make representations to the UK Labour Government to rejoin the EU single market and customs union to promote economic growth;
- d) make representations to the UK Labour Government to reverse inheritance tax changes affecting Welsh family farms;
- e) demand full compensation from the UK Labour Government for costs incurred from designing and constructing redundant border infrastructure at Welsh ports, and invest the proceeds to support Welsh trade; and
- f) utilise new powers provided through the Local Government Finance Act to create preferential business rate multipliers for SMEs.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – child poverty

(60 mins)

NDM8990 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Condemns the stubborn levels of child poverty in Wales which currently stands at 32 per cent.
2. Regrets that Wales is predicted to have the highest child poverty rates across the UK by 2029.
3. Commends the Scottish Government for introducing the Scottish Child Payment, a policy projected to lift 60,000 children out of poverty in 2025–26 and to position Scotland as the only UK nation expected to see an overall reduction in child poverty rates by 2029.
4. Notes:
 - a) Plaid Cymru's commitment to implement Cynnal, a child payment for Wales as a government priority; and
 - b) that Policy in Practice have identified that the most powerful and effective intervention designed to reduce poverty is a direct child payment.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) implement a child payment; and
 - b) re-commit to eradicating child poverty with measurable statutory targets.

[Policy in Practice report](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Believes that ending child poverty must be an absolute priority for all levels of government.

Supports the Welsh Government's commitment to using all the devolved levers available to their full extent and taking a leadership role in coordinating wider action to end child poverty, as set out in the Child Poverty Strategy.

Notes that the Welsh Government:

- a) has repeatedly called for an end to the two-child limit and welfare benefit cap;
- b) does not currently have the powers to legislate for a child payment;
- c) supported the Welsh Benefits Charter, adopted by all 22 local authorities in Wales, that provides real support for people to maximise their family income; and
- d) will be publishing a progress report on the Child Poverty Strategy later this year.

[Child Poverty Strategy for Wales](#)

[Welsh Benefits Charter](#)

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:

Further regrets that Welsh families pay the highest childcare costs in Great Britain, which contributes to child poverty.

Believes that taxpayer money is better spent on improving childcare in Wales and on improving the Welsh economy to lift more families out of poverty.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) use consequential funding from the UK Government to ensure Welsh families receive the same amount of childcare support that families in England receive; and
- b) re-commit to eradicating child poverty with measurable statutory targets.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8989 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Eager about beavers: down-streaming the managed reintroduction of beavers in Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 October 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 24/09/2025 for answer on 01/10/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY, ENERGY AND PLANNING

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

1

OQ63158 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Wrexham-Deeside hydrogen pipeline project?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

2

OQ63175 (e)

What is the Government doing to grow the co-operative sector in Wales?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

3

OQ63155 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on inward investment into Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

4

OQ63143 (e)

Which parts of the economy has the Welsh Government identified as growth sectors?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5

OQ63149 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the energy sector in North Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

6

OQ63154 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of nitrate and phosphate regulations on the planning process in Mid and West Wales?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

7

OQ63157 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the environmental and community impact of the proposed Denbigh quarry extension and how will local concerns be taken into account in the decision-making process?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

8 OQ63168 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the growth of grassroots sport?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

9 OQ63176 (e)

What representations has the Welsh Government received regarding a review of Minerals Technical Advice Note (MTAN) Wales 1: Aggregates?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

10 OQ63146 (e)

What are the Cabinet Secretary's economic priorities for South Wales Central for the remainder of this Senedd?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

11 OQ63170 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's on-shore wind energy policy?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

12 OQ63172 (e)

What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to ensure that the Welsh Government's energy policies safeguard prime agricultural land?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

1 OQ63165 (w) Withdrawn

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the latest statistics regarding employment levels in the health service?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

2 OQ63144 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's expectation for artificial intelligence in improving productivity in the NHS?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

3 OQ63156 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's actions to reduce delayed hospital discharges?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

4

OQ63150 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve health services in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

5

OQ63174 (e)

How is the Government ensuring that the Grange Hospital is providing an acceptable standard of care for patients in South Wales East?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

6

OQ63163 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting access to stroke services in mid Wales?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

7

OQ63161 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board about patient safety and working conditions at GP surgeries managed by eHarley Street?

Sian Gwenllïan *Arfon*

8

OQ63164 (w)

What are the Government's plans for reducing waiting lists for neurodevelopmental assessments?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

9

OQ63160 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the performance of emergency departments in North Wales?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

10

OQ63166 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support research into brain tumours?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

11

OQ63167 (e) *Withdrawn*

What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to improve access to mental health support?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

12

OQ63152 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve the non-emergency patient transport service?