

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 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, Ty 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 2.

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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 be answered by the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership:

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What discussions is the Welsh Government having with Tata regarding the future of their plants across Wales and the impact of any temporary shutdowns upon steelworkers?

To be answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief



Whip:

[Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the further defects found on the Menai Bridge

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NNDM9019 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8: Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM9018 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 15 October 2025.

Motion to establish a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM9018 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3:

1. Establishes a Member Accountability Bill Committee to scrutinise the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill.
2. In accordance with Standing Order 17.2T, resolves that Standing Orders 17.2A to 17.2S (election of committee chairs) shall not apply in relation to the Member Accountability Bill Committee.
3. In accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Lesley Griffiths MS (Welsh Labour), Buffy Williams MS (Welsh Labour), Paul Davies MS (Welsh Conservatives) and Sioned Williams MS (Plaid Cymru) as members of the Member Accountability Bill Committee, and David Rees MS (Deputy Presiding Officer) as Chair of the Member Accountability Bill Committee.
4. In accordance with Standing Order 33.6, suspends the first part of Standing Order 17.37 in relation to the Member Accountability Bill Committee, and agrees that the chair of the Committee may only vote in the exercise of a casting vote.

5. Agrees that the Committee will be dissolved following agreement by the Senedd of a motion for Stage 2 proceedings on the Bill to be conducted by a Committee of the Whole Senedd, or on the completion of Stage 2 proceedings (whichever is the sooner).

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)

(0 mins)

Postponed until 26 November 2025

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on Transport for Wales’ performance 2024–25

(60 mins)

NDM9009 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on Transport for Wales’ performance 2024–25, [laid](#) on 9 April 2025.

Notes: The response from Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 October 2025. The response from Transport for Wales to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 October 2025.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – town centre regeneration

(60 mins)

NDM9010 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) that analysis from the Welsh Retail Consortium in 2023 showed that Wales has the second highest number of vacant shops in the UK;

b) that almost 100 high street banks have closed in Wales in the last three years; and

c) that the UK Government’s ‘Pride in Place’ programme allocates £214 million of funding to Wales with the aim of strengthening place-based regeneration.

2. Regrets that the 'Pride in Place' programme does not provide long-term funding certainty and at the scale required for town-centre regeneration.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a comprehensive strategy for town-centre regeneration, setting out a long-term vision for town centres that includes measures to:

- a) establish a preferential business rates multipliers for small and independent high street retailers, including hospitality businesses;
- b) establish long-term funding certainty for town centre regeneration; and
- c) bring forward legislation to strengthen community 'Right to Buy' powers.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Supports the action being taken by the Welsh Government to assist town centres, such as:

- a) the actions set out in the retail action plan;
- b) continuing funding for rates relief schemes;
- c) including town centre first principles in key planning documents;
- d) publishing the town centres position statement;
- e) establishing the community asset commission;
- f) investment through the transforming towns programme; and
- g) launching the tidy towns fund.

[Retail Action Plan](#)

[Town Centres: Position Statement](#)

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

Amendment 2 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) scrap business rates for small businesses;
- b) improve access to free parking in town centres;
- c) amend the planning system to promote a mixed offer on high streets;
- d) establish a seaside towns fund to help address the challenges in coastal communities;

e) establish a market towns fund to help address challenges in Wales's market towns; and

f) work with the National Lottery Community Fund to promote community ownership of important assets threatened with closure.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM9008 [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

Acting FAST: Raising Stroke awareness in Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 October 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 08/10/2025 for answer on 15/10/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

1 OQ63258 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support people in council tax arrears?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

2 OQ63244 (w)

What steps has the Welsh Government taken to support teachers to develop their Welsh language skills?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

3 OQ63253 (e)

How will the Cabinet Secretary ensure that all of the Welsh Government's Programme for Government plans will be fully funded by the end of this Senedd?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

4 OQ63242 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's initiatives to make council tax fairer?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

5 OQ63259 (e)

How is the Government encouraging the public sector to procure from Welsh businesses?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

6 OQ63247 (e)

What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to increasing financial support for hospices in preparing the Welsh Government's draft budget for 2026-27?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

7 OQ63237 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the collection of land transaction tax?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

8 OQ63256 (w)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to ensure that Welsh-language provision is accessible to first-language Welsh-speakers in the health care system?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

9 OQ63254 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help Welsh learners feel more confident using the language in daily life?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

10 OQ63248 (w)

How is the Government ensuring that the council tax premium on second homes is used to create affordable homes?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

11 OQ63263 (e)

How will the Cabinet Secretary ensure that the Welsh Government's draft budget supports economic growth across Wales?

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

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ63243 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the environmental and ecological impact of pylon development across Wales?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

2 OQ63236 (w)

What progress has the Welsh Government made on implementing the recommendations in the National Infrastructure Commission Wales report on Floods, published in October 2024?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

3 OQ63261 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the task and finish group that will respond to the recommendations of the review of the Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

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OQ63240 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to prevent agricultural pollution from poisoning rivers?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

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OQ63251 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the licensing of gamebird releases?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

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OQ63245 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting farms and farmers across South Wales West with diversification?

Lee Waters *Llanelli*

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OQ63257 (e)

What contingency plans are in place to assist residents who may face repeat flooding this winter, particularly those who are uninsured or in social housing?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

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OQ63249 (w) *Withdrawn*

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on how the Government intends to progress the Independent Water Commission's recommendation to establish an independent water regulator for Wales?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

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OQ63235 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on air pollution levels in Swansea?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

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OQ63238 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the 41st Worldchefs Congress and Expo 2026?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

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OQ63262 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the delivery of the Sustainable Farming Scheme ?