

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

319 (v3)

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

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the closure of Terminal 5 at Holyhead Port?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NDM9088 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Lindsay Whittle (Plaid Cymru) in place of Luke Fletcher (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Petitions Committee.

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

(60 mins)

NDM8884 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) is a chronic and disabling illness at all levels of severity.
2. Notes that of those suffering from ME, 25 per cent are categorised by NICE as 'severe: mainly bed bound or housebound', and 'very severe: fully bedbound', requiring full-time care and, in the severest cases, palliative care and tube feeding.
3. Regrets that it is often those with the greatest severity levels of ME who are provided with the least amount of appropriate care and treatment.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) respond to the concerns raised in the Coroner in England's Prevention of Future Deaths Report, and explain what practical steps they will take to ensure that no patient in Wales will ever be placed in such tragic circumstances as those described in the report;
 - b) ensure that the Adferiad-funded ME services are making provision appropriate to the needs of patients with severe and very severe ME;
 - c) bring together an expert group of health professionals and people with lived experience, at a national level, to develop all-Wales guidance and quality standards on ME, including for the most severely affected;
 - d) make the appointment of an all-Wales specialist consultant for post-infectious chronic conditions – including ME and long COVID – a priority;

e) improve the training on ME for professionals, firstly in the NHS, but also in social services and schools: in particular, raising awareness of the care needs of adults and children with severe and very severe ME; and

f) ensure that health boards truly co-produce their ME and long COVID Adferiad services, taking into account the lived experiences of those suffering at the severest levels and of those caring for them.

[Maeve Boothby O'Neill: Prevention of Future Deaths Report](#)

Supporters

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

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

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

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

[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

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

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 4:

develop a strategic approach to research by supporting Wales to host one of the five proposed UK hubs for collaborative translational research into pathological mechanisms that cause ME, long COVID and related post-acute infection conditions.

6 Debate on petition P-06-1534 End corridor care in Wales

(30 mins)

NDM9076 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1534 End corridor care in Wales](#)' which received 10,536 signatures.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Small businesses

(60 mins)

NDM9078 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes Small Business Saturday on 6 December 2025.
2. Recognises the crucial contribution that small businesses play in creating jobs, supporting communities and boosting local economies across Wales.
3. Believes that the UK Labour Government's autumn budget will lead to additional costs and job losses for businesses.
4. Regrets that under the Welsh Labour Government, businesses are hit with the least competitive business rates in Great Britain, unemployment is the highest in the United Kingdom and take-home pay is the lowest.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) eliminate business rates for all small businesses;
 - b) reverse planned changes to inheritance tax in relation to business property relief;
 - c) provide more free parking in town centres;
 - d) axe the tourism tax before it comes into force; and
 - e) call on the UK Government to reverse the increase in employer's national insurance and reimburse Wales for failing to fund the full costs of these to date.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Recognises the Welsh Government's commitment to supporting small businesses in Wales through:

- a) Business Wales, which has supported over 33,200 businesses and entrepreneurs since the start of this Senedd term;
- b) Development Bank of Wales tailored micro loans and growth finance packages, which have supported over 950 businesses with £21.7 million of loans in this Senedd term; and
- c) £140 million in small business rates relief to over 70,000 properties in 2025–26.

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

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

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) extend the lower rate multiplier for small- and medium-sized retail premises to include hospitality and leisure businesses, noting that failure to do so is estimated to leave the typical high-street pub facing an additional £6,800 per year in business rates;
- b) ensure that any support for businesses from the Welsh Government's recent investment summit does not come at the expense of efforts to nurture a resilient and competitive base of domestic businesses;
- c) deliver an enhanced and more coherent package of business support, including strengthened succession-planning assistance for Welsh SMEs; and
- d) promote the expansion of co-operatives and mutuals within the Welsh economy by placing these models on an equitable footing with more conventional forms of enterprise.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM9071 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

The corporate takeover of vet practices in the pursuit of profit to the detriment of pets and their owners.

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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 03/12/2025 for answer on 10/12/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

1 OQ63579 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the optimised retrofit programme?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

2 OQ63562 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to provide affordable housing?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

3 OQ63572 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with councils to upgrade key infrastructure required to accommodate housing developments in growing communities?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

4 OQ63575 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the governance of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

5 OQ63582 (e) *Withdrawn*

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the automatic voter registration pilot?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

6 OQ63578 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to help meet housing needs in Islwyn?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

7 OQ63576 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's proposed local government settlement?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

8 OQ63574 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the financial support provided by the Welsh Government to Powys County Council?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

9 OQ63568 (e)

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

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

10 OQ63580 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about the way it allocates funding for communities and councils in North Wales?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

11 OQ63561 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the funding formula used to set its revenue support grant?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

1 OQ63551 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the provision of supply teachers?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

2 OQ63559 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve the teaching of modern languages in schools?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OQ63569 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government funding for schools?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

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OQ63565 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on her departmental budget?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

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OQ63581 (e)

What is the Government doing to support the long-term staffing levels of schools in North Wales?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

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OQ63560 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the accessibility of Welsh-language secondary education in south Cardiff?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

7

OQ63566 (e)

Will the Welsh Government provide an update on the steps it is taking to support the mental health and well-being of teachers?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

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OQ63571 (e) *Withdrawn*

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve teacher recruitment and retention in South Wales East?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

9

OQ63567 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on school budgets for the 2026-27 financial year?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

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OQ63553 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working to improve attainment and standards in schools in Wales?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

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OQ63577 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of sex education in schools?

