

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 December 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 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 ask the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding reports that the Home Secretary is considering merging the police forces of England and Wales into larger integrated forces, and regarding the possible implications of this for policing in Wales?



To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government measures to address gaps in NHS waiting list data?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM9091 [Elin Jones](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Mark Isherwood (Welsh Conservatives) in place of Samuel Kurtz (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

5 Debate on the General Principles of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

NNDM9087 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.11: Agrees to the general principles of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill. The [British Sign Language \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 14 July 2025; the report of the Equality and Social Justice Committee on the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 5 December 2025.

6 The financial resolution in respect of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill

(5 mins)

NNDM9089 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – children's access to play

(60 mins)

NDM9072 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the fact that Wales was the first country in the world to legislate for children's right to play, and that Cardiff is the UK's first UNICEF-accredited Child Friendly City.
2. Acknowledges that for children under 11, play areas with swings, slides and other equipment to play are really important.
3. Notes that the 'What children say about play in Wales: 2025' report by Play Wales found that in several areas, play equipment was described as outdated, broken or suitable only for younger children, and that many had called for investment in spaces for older children and teenagers, especially in Anglesey, Denbighshire and Caerphilly.
4. Regrets that overall satisfaction with opportunities to play has declined from 84 per cent in 2019 to 71 per cent in 2025, and that a notable 25 per cent are not permitted to play independently.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to safeguard children's access to play by:
 - a) strengthening the duty under section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 so that local authorities must secure sufficient play opportunities in a playground for each community;
 - b) developing ways to publicise safe and local places to play;
 - c) safeguarding playgrounds from local authority cuts;
 - d) supporting community groups who have taken over responsibility for playgrounds; and

e) tackling the fact that children, especially disabled, in rural and deprived areas often have greater access to outdoor spaces, but encounter greater issues with maintenance, accessibility and inclusivity.

Co-submitters

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

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

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

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – The devolution settlement

(60 mins)

NDM9090 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the letter sent to the UK Prime Minister by over a third of the Senedd's Labour Members on 3 December 2025.
2. Believes that the Labour UK Government is rolling back on the existing devolution settlement, as stated in the letter.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes that rows about the devolution settlement are a distraction from getting to grips with the everyday challenges facing Wales.

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

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Reaffirms this Senedd's commitment to strengthening the devolution settlement, in line with the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.

[Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales: final report](#)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM9079 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

Locked In Bruh! The impact of screens, smartphones, and online-gaming on young people.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 13 January 2026

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 10/12/2025 for answer on 17/12/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

1 OQ63599 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on how the Welsh Government uses investment via invest-to-save to improve productivity?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

2 OQ63595 (e)

What consideration is the Cabinet Secretary giving to ensuring economic growth in North Wales when setting the Welsh Government's budget for 2026–27?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

3 OQ63608 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Education about improving the provision of Welsh language education in Vale of Clwyd?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

4 OQ63605 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to ensure that Powys Teaching Health Board is adequately resourced?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

5 OQ63589 (e)

What business rates relief does the Welsh Government provide to support businesses in Monmouthshire?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

6 OQ63610 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's approach to using digital technology to help Welsh learners use the language every day?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

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OQ63612 (e)

What consideration does the Cabinet Secretary give to cross-cutting benefits for other Welsh Government departments when making decisions on the funding of particular public services?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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OQ63591 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the UK Government's autumn budget on the people of Pembrokeshire?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

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OQ63617 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding the Pride in Place funding for Wales?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

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OQ63600 (e)

How will the Welsh Government's draft budget ensure that local government and public services are adequately funded?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

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OQ63592 (e)

How does the Welsh Treasury measure and record whether budget savings have been made as a result of government policies?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

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OQ63611 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide the latest information and next steps regarding the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposals to revise the statutory enforcement policy?

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

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

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OQ63594 (e)

How is the Welsh Government protecting threatened species?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

2 OQ63601 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's strategy to reduce littering?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

3 OQ63609 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's actions for tackling flooding using nature-based solutions?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

4 OQ63596 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting access to nature for people across Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ63606 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with Natural Resources Wales to measure plastic in rivers?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

6 OQ63618 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect best and most versatile agricultural land on Ynys Môn?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

7 OQ63614 (e)

What progress has the Welsh Government made on increasing the production of Welsh fruit and vegetables?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

8 OQ63615 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken regarding river maintenance and flood protection in Mid and West Wales?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

9 OQ63598 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to halt the reduction in livestock numbers?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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OQ63590 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's environmental priorities for Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

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OQ63604 (e)

How is the Government supporting farmers in Montgomeryshire?