

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 January 2026

Meeting time: 13.30

### 323 (v4)

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in Siambr Hywel, Tŷ Hywel and others joining by video-conference.

#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales (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 Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(10 mins)

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#### 4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**

[Siân Gwenllïan \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Consumer Energy Solutions entering administration?



## 5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

## 6 Debate on petition P-06-1555 To review all guidance on Home to School Transport for all of Wales. Free access to an education

(60 mins)

**NDM9101** [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1555 To review all guidance on Home to School Transport for all of Wales. Free access to an education](#)' which received 11,790 signatures.

## 7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Land Transaction Tax

(60 mins)

**NDM9100** [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to support Welsh Conservative calls to scrap land transaction tax for primary residences in Wales.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) explore further reforms to the tax system as a means of eventually replacing land transaction tax in a sustainable manner; and
- b) request from Westminster the further devolution of tax powers to Wales, including the ability to introduce a vacant land tax and the ability to set Welsh-specific income tax bands.

## 8 Plaid Cymru Debate – The Senedd election

(60 mins)

**NDM9102** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the upcoming Senedd election on 7 May 2026.
2. Believes that the Senedd election provides an opportunity for new leadership for Wales.
3. Calls for the implementation of Plaid Cymru's proposals to:
  - a) introduce a waiting list plan to clear the current backlog, put the NHS on a more sustainable footing and ensure patients are not left waiting years in pain for treatment;
  - b) establish a new national development agency, providing a one-stop-shop for business support, supporting and growing Welsh-owned businesses at every stage of their development;
  - c) introduce a minimum 20 hour-a-week universal childcare offer to give every child the best start in life and allow parents to return to work;
  - d) introduce a foundational literacy and numeracy plan to establish national benchmarks, provide targeted support, and ensure high-quality teaching and transparent progress tracking; and
  - e) introduce a new Wales bill to secure parity of devolved powers with Scotland, as a necessary lever to unlock Wales's potential.
4. Regrets that 26 years of a Labour Welsh Government has led to:
  - a) over 8,700 pathways waiting over two years for treatment despite the target to eradicate such waits completely by March 2023;
  - b) Wales having the second lowest gross disposable income per head and primary income per head of all the UK nations and regions, with both falling as a proportion of the UK average; and
  - c) Wales's scores in literacy and numeracy being the lowest they have been since first participating in PISA in 2006, and are the lowest among UK nations for the fifth time in a row.
5. Further regrets that Labour's partnership in power has let Wales down.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the upcoming Senedd election on 7 May 2026.

2. Believes that the Senedd election provides an opportunity for new leadership for Wales.

3. Regrets that 26 years of a Labour Welsh Government, with the support of Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrats, has led to:

- a) one in four of the Welsh population on an NHS waiting list;
- b) the highest unemployment rate and the lowest take-home pay in the United Kingdom;
- c) Wales's PISA results falling to their lowest level ever in maths, reading and science: the lowest of all UK nations for the fifth consecutive time;
- d) taxpayer money wasted on non-devolved spending and Senedd expansion;
- e) the Welsh economy being held back with the least competitive business rates offer in Great Britain, the default 20mph speed limit, and land transaction tax rates that are stifling the housing market;
- f) working families being hit with the highest childcare costs and the worst childcare offer in Great Britain; and
- g) the sustainable farming scheme risking the loss of jobs and livelihoods.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement Welsh Conservative calls to:

- a) declare a health emergency in the Welsh NHS, eliminate excessive waiting times in emergency departments, for ambulances, tests, and treatment, introduce a GP wait guarantee, and promote patient choice as a driver of healthcare improvement;
- b) get the Welsh economy moving by cutting the basic rate of income tax, eliminating business rates for small businesses, restoring the default speed limit to 30mph, investing in road infrastructure, and scrapping land transaction tax for main homes;
- c) improve education outcomes in Wales by restoring discipline and respect in Welsh schools, cracking down on violence and poor behaviour, banning mobile phones in Welsh classrooms, empowering teachers, and enabling the establishment of academy schools;
- d) stop spending taxpayer money on non-devolved areas, and reverse Senedd expansion;

e) support working families by matching the childcare offer available in England;  
and

f) scrap and replace the sustainable farming scheme with a truly sustainable scheme that protects rural jobs and has food security at its heart.

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

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Recognises the policies of the Welsh Labour Government over this Senedd term have led to:

a) 18,652 additional homes for rent in the social sector being delivered;

b) 46,000 jobs supported;

c) almost 60 million free school meals for primary school children being served and recent improvements in educational attainment;

d) the most progressive and generous student support offer in the UK, meaning household income does not decide where you go to university;

e) long waiting times for treatment and tests falling and the NHS being on course to provide an extra 20,000 cataract operations this year;

f) a National Forest being planted and action to safeguard communities from the legacy of coalmining being taken; and

g) more than £1 billion being invested to transform the core Valleys Lines into a modern metro system.

3. Believes that Wales is ready for a new era of investment under Labour following more than a decade of Tory austerity.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM9096 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)**

Raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14 in Wales

## **11 Debate: Stage 3 of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales (Membership) Bill**

(60 mins)

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments are to be disposed of in the order in which the sections arise in the Bill.

The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

### **1. Training for non-practising medical members**

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#### **Supporting documents**

[Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales \(Membership\) Bill, unamended at Stage 2](#)

[Explanatory memorandum](#)

[Marshalled list of amendments](#)

[Groupings of amendments](#)

## **12 Debate: Stage 4 of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales (Membership) Bill**

(15 mins)

## **13 Voting Time**

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 20 January 2026

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 07/01/2026 for answer on 14/01/2026

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**1** OQ63637 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with National Highways regarding the ongoing works on both Severn bridges?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**2** OQ63663 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care regarding the referral of patients from North Wales to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**3** OQ63631 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to ensure veterans do not face disadvantages when accessing NHS services?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

**4** OQ63661 (w)

What assessment has the Government made of the safety of the A470?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**5** OQ63639 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working to protect bus services in North Wales?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

**6** OQ63653 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of Cardiff Airport in the Welsh Government's aviation policy?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**7** OQ63647 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with Powys County Council to improve pedestrian safety, including a new footbridge at Caersws bridge?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

8

**OQ63654 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve bus and rail services in Mid and West Wales?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

9

**OQ63641 (w)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's position on the UK Government's Railways Bill and its implications for Wales?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

10

**OQ63651 (w)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on funding that has been allocated by the Welsh Government for non-devolved rail improvement projects?

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

11

**OQ63665 (e)**

What progress has been made on delivering the safety improvements identified by the South Wales Trunk Road Agent for the A40 Raglan bypass, and when will those measures be implemented?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

12

**OQ63629 (w)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary explain why the Welsh Government is providing funding to upgrade Cardiff Central Station when railway infrastructure has not been devolved?

## **CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, TREFNYDD AND CHIEF WHIP**

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

1

**OQ63657 (e)**

What is the Government doing to combat poverty in South Wales East?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

2

**OQ63640 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce poverty in South Wales East?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**3** OQ63655 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the rates of fuel poverty in Wales?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**4** OQ63648 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing through the disabled people's rights plan?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**5** OQ63630 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that its policies on asylum seekers and refugees do not encourage people to enter the UK via illegal routes?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

**6** OQ63662 (e)

What funding have communities in Islwyn received from the National Lottery over the last five years?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

**7** OQ63642 (w)

Does the Welsh Government support incorporating the right to food into Welsh law?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**8** OQ63645 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support community facilities in mid Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**9** OQ63658 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan?

**Lindsay Whittle** *Caerphilly*

**10** OQ63660 (e)

How is the Welsh Government progressing the implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in Caerphilly?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

11

**OQ63656 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government working with police and crime commissioners and police forces to tackle the rise in thefts from vehicles across South Wales West?

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

12

**OQ63652 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting older people in North Wales?

## **SENEDD COMMISSION**

**Hannah Blythyn** *Delyn*

1

**OQ63650 (e)**

What is the Commission's policy on the use of non-disclosure agreements?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

2

**OQ63634 (e)**

What support does the Commission provide to Cross-party Groups?