

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 February 2026

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

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



5 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report: Routes into post-16 education and training

(60 mins)

NDM9134 [Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee 'Routes into post-16 education and training' which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 November 2025.

Note: Responses from the [Welsh Government](#) and [Medr](#) to the report were laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2026.

6 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Digging the dirt: Improving Wales' soil health

(30 mins)

NDM9133 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee 'Digging the dirt: Improving Wales' soil health', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 November 2025, and on which the Welsh Government [laid](#) its response on 28 January 2026.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Health board governance

(60 mins)

NDM9135 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that:

- a) this month marks three years since Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was returned to special measures: and
- b) all other major health boards in Wales are currently in some form of targeted intervention.

2. Regrets that:

- a) Betsi Cadwaladr has spent over two-thirds of its existence in special measures — longer than any other health board in NHS history; and
- b) people in the north of Wales continue to face failing standards, excessive waits for treatment and long-standing organisational dysfunction under the Welsh Labour Government.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) strengthen its political leadership to drive up standards and hold the health board to account;
- b) implement the recommendations of Plaid Cymru's report *The Welsh Health System: Accountability, Performance and Culture* to reform NHS governance;
- c) publish the findings of the recent independent investigation into gaps in Betsi Cadwaladr's waiting list data; and
- d) accelerate the establishment of fully-staffed surgical hubs within Betsi Cadwaladr.

[Plaid Cymru Report: The Welsh Health System: Accountability, Performance and Culture](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that:

- a) progress has been made in leadership, corporate governance, quality and safety, financial management, and patient and stakeholder engagement since Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was returned to special measures in 2023; and
- b) progress is being made by all health boards in escalation.

2. Acknowledges that the Welsh Government will publish the findings of the recent independent investigation into gaps in Betsi Cadwaladr's waiting list data, and the latest special measures progress report, in March.

3. Supports the health and social care workforce as they continue to work under pressure to meet the needs of patients.

If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected.

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) accept responsibility for the failings at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and apologise for failing to address the shortcomings in healthcare in north Wales;
- b) declare a health emergency;
- c) surge bed capacity to ensure patient safety and improve access to emergency care;
- d) urgently establish surgical hubs to help clear the waiting time backlog;
- e) protect and enhance the community hospital network in north Wales, including the delivery of the north Denbighshire community hospital, and more minor injuries units; and
- f) initiate an independent inquiry into failings at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to learn lessons, hold people to account for failures, and ensure that significant improvement can be achieved and maintained.

If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected.

Amendment 3 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

In point 3, delete sub-point (b) and replace with:

undertake a comprehensive review of governance, leadership, and accountability arrangements across all NHS organisations in Wales, with a view to strengthening oversight, improving performance, and ensuring consistent standards of care for patients.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate – Julie Morgan

(0 mins)

Postponed until 11 February

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 28/01/2026 for answer on 04/02/2026

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

1 OQ63788 (e)

What consideration did the Cabinet Secretary give to funding the economy portfolio's Programme for Government commitments when setting the Welsh Government's budget for 2026-27?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ63771 (e)

What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to ensure that the Welsh Government's budget for 2026-27 supports businesses in west Wales?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

3 OQ63783 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact on businesses of changes to rateable values?

Lindsay Whittle *Caerphilly*

4 OQ63801 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Cabinet colleagues regarding the Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 plan to reach one million Welsh speakers by 2050?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

5 OQ63800 (e) *Withdrawn*

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide a statement on the value for money of the Welsh Government's translation Service?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

6 OQ63796 (e)

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to the impact of its 182-day letting requirement on the viability of self-catering businesses?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

7 OQ63785 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to alter its taxation policy to support the hospitality sector?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

8 OQ63782 (e)

What benefits will the Welsh Government's budget for 2026-27 deliver for people in North Wales?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

9 OQ63780 (w)

What progress has been made to achieve the recommendations of the report of the First Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

10 OQ63798 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding the Barnett consequential for Wales as a result of funding for railway projects in England?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

11 OQ63791 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the Welsh Government's budget for 2026-27 on communities in north Wales?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

12 OQ63775 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the revaluation of business rates for the tourism and hospitality sector?

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

John Griffiths *Newport East*

1 OQ63797 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government on the protection of the Gwent Levels' Sites of Special Scientific Interest in light of the ongoing applications for large scale solar farms?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

2 OQ63778 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the implementation of the Welsh Government's community food strategy?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

3 OQ63769 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support local authorities to tackle the issue of contaminated land?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

4 OQ63772 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the farming sector in west Wales?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

5 OQ63794 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on opencast mine restoration in South Wales West?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

6 OQ63792 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce the entry of microplastics into waterways in north Wales?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

7 OQ63781 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the long-term environmental and public health impacts of the historic dumping of polychlorinated biphenyls?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

8 OQ63770 (e)

What work is the Welsh Government doing to ensure supermarket fridges have doors on them?

Vaughan Gething *Cardiff South and Penarth*

9 OQ63802 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the environmental impact on Wales of implementing the projects identified in the UK Government's AR7 funding round?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

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OQ63799 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to promote Welsh food to the people of Wales?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

11

OQ63789 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Sustainable Farming Scheme is helping to maintain livestock numbers in Wales?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

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OQ63795 (w)

How is the Welsh Government supporting communities in South Wales Central who are facing the risk of flooding?