

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

(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 Health and Social Care

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Categories of Members

(5 mins)

NDM9168 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)



To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Categories of Member', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

6 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Standing Order Thresholds

(5 mins)

NDM9171 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order Thresholds', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

7 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Political Groups and Groupings

(5 mins)

NDM9170 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Political groups and groupings (Standing Orders 1.3 and 11.3)', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

8 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Additional Deputy Presiding Officer

(5 mins)

NDM9167 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Additional Deputy Presiding Officer', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

9 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Committee Chair Job Sharing

(5 mins)

NDM9169 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Committee chair job sharing', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 February 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

10 Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration

Committee report: Active Travel in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM9153 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on Active Travel in Wales which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 December 2025.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 16 February 2026.

11 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee report: Ophthalmology Services in Wales

(60 mins)

NDM9152 [Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Health and Social Care Committee report ‘Inquiry into Ophthalmology Services in Wales’ that was [laid](#) on 28 November 2025.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 15 January 2026.

12 Welsh Conservatives Debate – NHS and social care

(60 mins)

NDM9164 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) the continuing pressures on the NHS in Wales, including excessive waiting times for treatment, ambulance response delays, overcrowded emergency departments, and the use of corridor care;
- b) concerns raised by clinicians and patients regarding patient safety and capacity across the Welsh health and social care system; and
- c) the need for urgent, system-wide action to restore performance and public confidence.

2. Regrets that, after 27 years of Welsh Labour Government, NHS performance in Wales remains among the worst in the United Kingdom for waiting times and access to treatment.

3. Believes that the scale of the challenge requires an emergency response to increase capacity, improve patient flow and strengthen resilience across health and social care services.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) declare a national health emergency to trigger immediate action across the NHS and social care;

- b) reopen closed community hospital wards to provide step-down and rehabilitation care, and improve patient flow;
- c) review and increase hospital bed capacity and surge provision;
- d) establish a dedicated NHS Wales recovery team to drive improvements in waiting times and emergency care performance;
- e) end the practice of corridor care and designate 12-hour waits in emergency departments as never events;
- f) improve recruitment, retention and training of doctors, dentists, nurses and midwives;
- g) expand surgical hubs and diagnostic capacity to reduce waiting lists;
- h) improve access to GP services, including seven-day appointment availability; and
- i) publish a long-term workforce and infrastructure plan to modernise the NHS and social care system in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes

- a) the Welsh Government's record investment in NHS Wales, which means Wales spends 9 per cent more per person on health than in England;
- b) the waiting list for planned care has fallen for seven months in a row and two-year waits are at their lowest since February 2021;
- c) ambulance handover delays were almost a quarter lower in January 2026 compared to a year ago; and
- d) record numbers of clinical staff are employed in the NHS.

2. Welcomes steps taken to increase transparency and accountability in the NHS, including new health board escalation frameworks and the public accountability meetings with NHS Wales organisations.

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

Amendment 2 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Believes that the NHS should always remain free at the point of delivery.

Regrets that 27 years of Plaid Cymru-backed Welsh Labour Governments has resulted in some of the worst NHS statistics in the United Kingdom.

Recognises that, as of the latest NHS health statistics published on 19 February:

a) ambulance response performance has worsened for both median and 90th percentile red call response times as well as the 90th percentile purple call response times;

b) two-year NHS waiting lists in Wales remain nearly 24 times longer than the equivalent list in England, despite their significantly larger population; and

c) 11,392 patients waited over 12 hours in Welsh emergency departments in January, despite the fact that the target is zero patients waiting over 12 hours.

Calls on the Welsh Government to reduce NHS waiting lists and improve the performance of the NHS by:

a) undertaking 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; and

b) cutting waste and bureaucracy to ensure that taxpayers' money reaches the NHS frontline.

Co-submitters

[Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#)

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

Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Regrets:

a) the impact of the austerity policies of the previous Conservative UK Government on health outcomes in Wales; and

b) the impact of Brexit on drug prices for the NHS.

Believes that both Labour and the Conservatives have shown themselves to be thoroughly unsuited as guardians of the NHS.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) implement Plaid Cymru's report on governance reforms in the NHS, 'The Welsh Health System – Accountability, Performance and Culture';
- b) implement Plaid Cymru's plan to address Labour's waiting list crisis, published in January 2025;
- c) advance the development of the programme to establish a National Care Service for Wales, started by Plaid Cymru;
- d) strengthen primary care through increasing the portion of the Welsh budget spent on General Medical Services and reviewing the Carr–Hill formula; and
- e) introduce legislative reforms to address delayed hospital discharges and therefore more efficiently unlock spare bed space

[‘The Welsh Health System – Accountability, Performance and Culture’](#);

[Plaid Cymru's plan for the NHS](#)

13 Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill

(5 mins)

NDM9166 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, in accordance with Standing Order 26.36:

Agrees to dispose of sections and schedules to the British Sign Language (Wales)

Bill at Stage 3 in the following order:

- a) Sections 1 – 6;
- b) Schedule 1;
- c) Sections 7 –12;
- d) Long title.

14 Voting Time

15 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM9165 [Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

Active valleys, healthier lives – how grassroots and community sports can change lives.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 18/02/2026 for answer on 25/02/2026

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY, ENERGY AND PLANNING

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1 OQ63856 (e)

How is the Welsh Government delivering its energy policy?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

2 OQ63896 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support small retailers in Islwyn?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

3 OQ63877 (e)

How is the Government working with businesses to help people get back to work in South Wales East?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

4 OQ63880 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the future of the aerospace sector in Wales?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

5 OQ63886 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the impact of the closure of Gilks on Ynys Môn?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

6 OQ63872 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support the hospitality sector in South Wales East?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

7 OQ63883 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government around future protections of the Gwent Levels from the threat of large scale solar energy projects?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

8 OQ63890 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to develop the local economy in Ammanford and the greater Amman Valley?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

9 OQ63895 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support local businesses in Delyn?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

10 OQ63869 (e) Withdrawn

How is the Welsh Government responding to the report of the Independent Advisory Group on Future Electricity Grid for Wales published in January 2026?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

11 OQ63857 (w)

How is the Government supporting small local businesses in South Wales West?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

12 OQ63861 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting businesses in west Wales?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

1 OQ63875 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on maternity services in north Wales?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ63889 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the overall performance of NHS Wales in the last 12 months?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

3 OQ63868 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the performance of emergency departments in north Wales?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

4 OQ63859 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the lives of people suffering from osteoporosis?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

5 OQ63876 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the proposed changes to the dental contract which are due to come into force in April 2026?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

6 OQ63862 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the delivery of health services in west Wales?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

7 OQ63865 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with local authorities to develop social care infrastructure in North Wales?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

8 OQ63871 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve mental health services for young people?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

9 OQ63867 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the ongoing performance of the Welsh immunisation service?

Lindsay Whittle *Caerphilly*

10 OQ63891 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the training of medical professionals?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

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OQ63854 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the upcoming changes to the NHS dental contract for Wales, due to come into force in April 2026?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

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OQ63894 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to extend health services in the community?