

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 5 February 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber 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 Education



[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on changes to school safety policy following the conclusion of the trial concerning the attack at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman?

To ask the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement regarding the situation that has led to the closure, without notice, of Cardiff National Museum?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales Central\)](#): What steps is the Welsh Government taking following the publication of the cultural reviews of North Wales and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

**6 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report –
Nineteenth report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9**

(15 mins)

NDM8815 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Nineteenth Report to the Sixth Senedd [laid](#) before the Senedd on 29 January 2025 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.

2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill on support for unpaid carers

(30 mins)

NDM8724 [Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on ensuring recognition and support for unpaid carers.

2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

a) improve the support available from the Welsh Government, local authorities and healthcare settings for unpaid carers, based on the rights set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014;

b) solidify data capture and monitoring of engagement with unpaid carers across statutory services to be reported on periodically;

c) ensure greater sharing of unpaid carers' data, where appropriate, between statutory services to support carers as they navigate services and advocate for the person(s) they care for; and

d) place a duty on the Welsh Government and local authorities to recognise unpaid carers as a priority group in the design and delivery of all future policy interventions.

8 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Social Housing Supply

(60 mins)

NDM8817 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, 'Social Housing Supply', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 November 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 January 2025.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – Higher education

(60 mins)

NDM8818 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the announcement by Cardiff University that it will cut 400 jobs and close several degree courses including ancient history, modern languages and translation, music, nursing, and religion and theology.

2. Regrets:

- a) the failure of the Welsh Government to establish a sustainable funding model for universities in Wales despite repeated warnings from the sector over many years;
- b) the impact the announcement will have on staff and learners, and on the economy as well as Wales's reputation as a nation of learning; and
- c) the increased financial pressure caused by the UK Government's decision to increase employer National Insurance contributions and changes to visa rules for international students.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) develop, in line with its devolved responsibility, a new higher education strategy to protect jobs and place the sector on a sustainable financial footing;
- b) commission an assessment of the impact of the plans to close the nursing school on NHS nursing staff levels; and
- c) publish an evaluation of the financial pressures faced by Welsh universities.

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 Cardiff University has launched a 90-day formal consultation which includes proposals to cut around 400 academic posts.
- 2. Recognises:
 - a) the vital role of universities as anchor institutions in our communities and our economy;
 - b) the fundamental impact of a range of factors on universities across the UK, including Brexit, changes to visa requirements, higher interest rates and inflation; and
 - c) the additional in-year funding to universities in Wales which takes total grant funding to over £200 million in 2024–25, and the additional income generated by raising the tuition fee cap.

3. Calls on Cardiff University to:

- a) ensure the principles of social partnership are central to the consultation process, so that the voices of trade unions, staff and students are heard; and
- b) fully support staff and students affected by the proposals, including enabling all enrolled students to complete their courses.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) work with the UK Government to identify sustainable solutions for the future of higher education;
- b) work with Welsh universities to explore opportunities for collaboration on key provision; and
- c) work with Health Education and Improvement Wales to ensure any decisions taken by Cardiff University do not impact on the number of nurses trained in Wales.

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

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

In sub-point 2 (c), delete all after 'contributions'.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8811 [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

Future flight technologies: how do we maximise growth opportunities whilst ensuring public support?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 29/01/2025 for answer on 05/02/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

1 OQ62248 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the progress of the North Wales Metro, and how the project is aligning with broader transport and economic development goals for the region?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

2 OQ62262 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with local authorities in South Wales West regarding the adequacy of bus services?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

3 OQ62246 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on progress towards improving the Wrexham to Bidston rail line?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

4 OQ62270 (e)

What is the Government doing to promote active travel in South Wales East?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

5 OQ62241 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the new Cambrian line timetable on local residents?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

6 OQ62233 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on road maintenance projects in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

7 OQ62255 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on restoring the Amman Valley railway line as a passenger line?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

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OQ62263 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care regarding the current state of NHS dental provision in North Wales?

Gareth Davies *Vale of Clwyd*

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OQ62265 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on urban speed limits in Denbighshire?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

10

OQ62236 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure accessible transport for all?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11

OQ62268 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about rail investment in Newport East?

Lee Waters *Llanelli*

12

OQ62250 (e)

What action will the Cabinet Secretary take in response to the coroner's report into the death of Donald Mitchell on the A48?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, TREFNYDD AND CHIEF WHIP

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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OQ62242 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the effectiveness of the Spectrum project in tackling violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

2

OQ62259 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure people in Delyn are claiming the benefits they are entitled to?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

3

OQ62239 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the voluntary sector in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

4

OQ62266 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to tackle poverty in South Wales East?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

5

OQ62271 (w)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to expand the provision of CCTV cameras in order to improve community safety in rural areas of Anglesey?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

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OQ62258 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on Welsh Government guidance on gypsy traveller sites?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

7

OQ62254 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government Secretary of State for Justice about introducing a women's prison in Wales?

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

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OQ62257 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary addressing fuel poverty among park home owners?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

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OQ62261 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government about setting up a women's residential centre in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

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OQ62238 (e)

How is the Welsh Government tackling child poverty?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

11

OQ62269 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary supporting the work of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

12

OQ62251 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to ensure that the Welsh Government's blue badge policy promotes equality and social justice?

SENEDD COMMISSION

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

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OQ62256 (e)

What consideration has the Senedd Commission given to becoming a signatory to the Armed Forces Covenant?