

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 25 March 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 First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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#### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery

(30 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery after Question 2.

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#### 3 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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#### 4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Digital Inclusion

(45 mins)



## 5 Debate: Learner Travel

(60 mins)

### NDM8859 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to work collaboratively with all partners and develop a cross-government approach to explore opportunities for improving learner travel provision in Wales.
2. Recognises the Welsh Government's desire to see a cross-party approach that responds to the challenges faced in delivering learner transport, demonstrated through the upcoming learner travel summit.
3. Welcomes the Welsh Government's ongoing commitment to listen to and engage with children and young people on transport-related issues.
4. Welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Welsh Government's forthcoming consultation on the updated learner travel guidance documentation, which will be published following the learner travel summit.
5. Supports the Welsh Government's commitment to introduce a young person's flat fare rate for local bus services in Wales, which provides an additional and more affordable means of access to education, training, employment and services through the public bus network.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that no learners should face transport barriers to access education.
2. Regrets that:

a) the current learner travel provision is not adequate, and that this negatively affects attendance which disproportionately affects children in Wales's most deprived communities, exacerbating educational inequality; and

b) the issue of school transport is regularly raised with the Welsh Language Commissioner as a barrier to accessing Welsh-medium education.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) implement the recommendations of their 'Learner travel in Wales analysis and evaluation: recommendations report December 2023'; and

b) ensure that school transport provision is included in the upcoming bus Bill.

[Learner travel in Wales analysis and evaluation: recommendations report December 2023](#)

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

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure has not been substantially updated since its introduction in 2008.

2. Notes the difficulties that young people in rural areas have in accessing public transport for education and training.

3. Regrets that the Children's Commissioner for Wales described the Welsh Government's review of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure as totally inadequate.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement free bus travel for 16-24-year-olds.

**6 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Culture and Governance Reform in the Fire and Rescue Service**

(45 mins)

**7 The Regulated Services (Inspection Ratings) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

(15 mins)

**NDM8860** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Regulated Services (Inspection Ratings) (Wales) Regulations 2025 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2025.

**Supporting Documents**

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

**8 The Food (Promotion and Presentation) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

(15 mins)

**NDM8862** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Food (Promotion and Presentation) (Wales) Regulations 2025 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 February 2025.

**Supporting Documents**

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

[Government response to the report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

## **9 The Partnership Arrangements (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

(5 mins)

**NDM8861** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Partnership Arrangements (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2025.

### **Supporting Documents**

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## **10 Debate: The Crown Estate**

(60 mins)

**NDM8863** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the offshore wind opportunity, 4.5 GW of floating and at least 3 GW for fixed, from the Crown Estate's leasing process.
2. Calls on the Crown Estate to continue working with the Welsh Government to maximise the opportunities and benefits for the people of Wales from their activities.
3. Supports the devolution of the Crown Estate to Wales, in line with the recommendation from the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future for Wales and notes ongoing discussions with the UK Government on this topic.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Further notes that over three quarters of Welsh local authorities have voted in favour of devolving the Crown Estate and that, in 2023, its asset value in Wales was £853 million.

Regrets the missed opportunities during the Crown Estate Bill process and that the UK Government has rejected calls for devolution.

Calls on the Welsh Government to exert its influence on the UK Government to secure the full devolution of the Crown Estate to Wales.

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

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

Delete point 3.

## **11 Voting Time**

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 26 March 2025

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 20/03/2025 for answer on 25/03/2025

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

### FIRST MINISTER

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**1** OQ62490 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the delivery of health services in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

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

**2** OQ62517 (w)

How is the Welsh Government dealing with NHS waiting lists in Mid and West Wales?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

**3** OQ62537 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting children with special educational needs in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

**Hannah Blythyn** *Delyn*

**4** OQ62538 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support access to high-street banking services in town centres across Delyn?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

**5** OQ62500 (e)

Will the First Minister make a statement on the digitisation of patient health records in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**6** OQ62520 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve children's outdoor play spaces?

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

**7** OQ62534 (e)

What discussions has the First Minister had about the issuing of warrants for access onto land in the Tywi valley by GreenGen Cymru?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

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**OQ62533 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to develop the blue economy in North Wales?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

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**OQ62504 (e)**

How will the £120 million of extra Welsh Government funding to fix roads and pavements be distributed to local authorities?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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**OQ62516 (w)**

Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of end-of-life care in Dwyfor Meirionnydd?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ62526 (w)**

How is the Welsh Government addressing sexism and misogyny in schools to ensure an inclusive environment for all students?

**Lesley Griffiths** *Wrexham*

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**OQ62524 (e)**

What consideration is the Welsh Government giving to regulating pet grooming establishments in Wales?

## **COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR DELIVERY**

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

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**OQ62502 (e)**

What legal advice has the Counsel General provided to the Welsh Government regarding the powers it has to mitigate the effect of the UK Government's proposals to change support for disabled people and people on long-term sickness benefits?

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

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**OQ62498 (e)**

What consideration has the Counsel General given to making it possible to acquire a Level 7 legal apprenticeship in Wales, to prevent aspiring apprentice solicitors having to relocate to England?

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

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**OQ62499 (e)**

What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Law Council for Wales regarding the delivery of its objectives?