

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 June 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

### 283 (v3)

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This meeting will be 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 Finance and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(10 mins)

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#### 4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted

#### 5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



## **6 Debate on petition P-06-1476: 1000 meter mandatory buffer zone for all new and existing quarries**

(60 mins)

**NDM8910** [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1476 1000 meter mandatory buffer zone for all new and existing quarries](#)' which received 11,473 signatures.

## **7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

(60 mins)

**NDM8911** [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that 8 June 2025 marks ten years since Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was placed in special measures.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to initiate a public inquiry into Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Notes the improvements made under the special measures regime to date and the work Betsi Cadwaladr UHB still has to do to, as highlighted in the two-year progress report, published in March.

[Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board special measures \(level 5\): year 2 progress report](#)

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

**Amendment 2** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Commends the hard work of staff at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board under exceptionally challenging conditions.

Regrets:

a) how this hard work has historically been undermined by chronic dysfunctionality at the board level over many years, as well as the failures and lack of transparency in the Welsh Government's approach to the special measures framework – which included taking the health board out of special measures prematurely in 2020 for political expediency; and

b) that residents in north Wales face disproportionately longer waits for treatment compared to the rest of Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to fully implement the recommendations of Plaid Cymru's report 'The Welsh Health System: Accountability, Performance and Culture', to improve governance and accountability mechanisms at Betsi Cadwaladr – including reforming the special measures framework and establishing standardised rules of engagement for senior leaders to ensure that accountability arrangements are not undermined or worked around.

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

## **8 Voting time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8912** [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

Newport – a city on the rise economically, socially and culturally

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8909** [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

Wales – a battery energy free-for-all?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 June 2025

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 28/05/2025 for answer on 04/06/2025

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

**1** OQ62791 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the delivery of the recommendations set out in the Burns Commission report?

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

**2** OQ62782 (e)

What plans does the Government have to improve the transport system in south-east Wales?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**3** OQ62770 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on changes to the default speed limit in North Wales?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**4** OQ62773 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve road safety in Brecon and Radnorshire?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**5** OQ62768 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving rail services on the Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury line to meet the needs of increased passenger numbers?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**6** OQ62792 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce road traffic delays on major trunk roads in north Wales?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

**7** OQ62777 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and other partners regarding the impact of stationary idling on road safety and traffic congestion?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

8 OQ62764 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve road safety across Wales?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

9 OQ62766 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Transport for Wales regarding the north-west Cardiff corridor rail link?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

10 OQ62769 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the weight restrictions on the M48 Severn bridge and roadworks on the Prince of Wales Bridge on local businesses and road infrastructure?

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

11 OQ62795 (e)

How is the Government improving access to public transport for young people in South Wales East?

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

12 OQ62778 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving rail services in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

## **CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE**

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

1 OQ62760 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on Welsh Government funding for public sector pay awards?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

2 OQ62781 (w)

What action is Welsh Government taking to promote the use of the Welsh language by school children beyond the classroom?

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

**3** OQ62794 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to identify spending in its budgets that does not provide value for money?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**4** OQ62786 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the UK Government's proposed cuts to disability benefits on the Welsh Government's spending plans?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**5** OQ62775 (e)

How will the Welsh Government's taxation policy support retail businesses, particularly high street businesses, in the 2025-26 financial year?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**6** OQ62790 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the Government's plans to safeguard the Welsh language in the agricultural sector?

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

**7** OQ62796 (e)

How is the Government encouraging the growth of the Welsh language in South Wales East?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

**8** OQ62788 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on non-domestic rates for small to medium sized retailers?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

**9** OQ62779 (e) *Withdrawn*

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning regarding the implications of the visitor levy for major events?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**10** OQ62761 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure its budget is delivering value for money for taxpayers?

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

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**OQ62783 (e)**

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Industry Wales regarding their accounts in light of the Auditor General for Wales stating he is unable to provide an opinion on them?

## **SENEDD COMMISSION**

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

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**OQ62780 (e)** *Withdrawn*

What changes have been made to the Senedd estate following the recent Supreme Court ruling on the definition of a woman?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

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**OQ62776 (e)** *Withdrawn*

How is the Senedd Commission ensuring value for money for taxpayers in its management of the Senedd estate and operations?

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

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**OQ62793 (e)**

Will the Senedd Commission provide an update on its work to modify the Siambr to accommodate 96 members?