

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

### 287 (v3)

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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 Housing and Local Government

(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 Education

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To be answered by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery**

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact on Wales of the UK Government's decision that post-Brexit regional funding in Wales will be administered by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government rather than by the Welsh Government?

#### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

## **5 Debate on petition: P-06-1365 Re-open railway lines to connect the north and south of Wales**

(30 mins)

**NDM8931** [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition [P-06-1365 Re-open railway lines to connect the north and south of Wales](#) which received 12,936 signatures.

## **6 Motion to suspend Standing Orders**

(5 mins)

**NDM8929** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 13.6 to allow Members to contribute on more than one occasion during the Open Debate on NDM8914 in Plenary on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

## **7 Open debate**

(120 mins)

**NDM8914** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Arts and Culture – nice to have or integral to the future of Wales?

**Supporters**

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

## **8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – M4 relief road**

(60 mins)

**NDM8930** [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that this month marks six years since the M4 relief road project was scrapped.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to deliver an M4 relief road.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that this month marks six years since the decision not to proceed with the M4 Relief Road project.
2. Regrets:
  - a) the real terms decrease in Wales's capital budget caused by the latest UK Government spending review, which will severely impede Wales's ability to invest in large-scale infrastructure projects, including on an M4 relief road project; and
  - b) the failure of Welsh Government to quickly refocus funding originally earmarked for the M4 relief road project towards an alternative vision for a sustainable integrated Welsh transport network, including giving priority to addressing the congestion issues around Newport.

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

**Amendment 2** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the need for an integrated, attractive and sustainable transport network which supports the people and economy of the region as recommended in the South East Wales Transport Commission (the Burns Commission) as a sustainable and affordable alternative to a new M4 motorway.
2. Deplores the empty promises and lack of funding from past Conservative governments for the non-devolved recommendations of the South East Wales Transport Commission as viable alternatives to the M4 relief road.
3. Supports the Welsh Government's approach of working in partnership with the UK Government, the region's Corporate Joint Committee and local authorities to deliver the recommendations of Lord Burns to provide high quality sustainable alternatives to the M4.
4. Welcomes the announcement of the UK Government in the 2026-27 to 2029-30 spending review of funding for the South East Wales Transport Commission's recommendations to be realised as an alternative to a M4 relief road.

[South East Wales Transport Commission – Final Recommendations](#)

## **9 Voting Time**

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 June 2025

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 11/06/2025 for answer on 18/06/2025

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

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OQ62884 (w)

What steps is the Government taking to regulate private companies who manage dwellings?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

2

OQ62852 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the work being undertaken to improve the workplace culture and standards of management and governance in Wales's fire and rescue services?

**Vaughan Gething** *Cardiff South and Penarth*

3

OQ62873 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on proposed changes to how the installation of heat pumps for new and existing housing is delivered?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

4

OQ62857 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's guidance on the provision of public toilets by local authorities?

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

5

OQ62874 (w)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to alleviate the housing crisis in Welsh-speaking communities before the end of this Senedd?

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

6

OQ62881 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary bring forward proposals to improve local democratic engagement and increase participation before the next local elections in 2027, given that turnout in many local government elections has been less than 40 per cent?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**7** OQ62886 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the support available to homeowners whose properties are affected by RAAC?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

**8** OQ62879 (e)

What action is the Cabinet Secretary taking to improve the effectiveness of the warm homes scheme?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**9** OQ62877 (e)

What plans does the Cabinet Secretary have to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

**10** OQ62871 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to protect front-line local government services in Bridgend?

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

**11** OQ62866 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on collaborative working between local authorities in South Wales Central?

## **CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION**

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

**1** OQ62853 (w)

How does the Government ensure that learners in schools and colleges are taught effectively about Welsh democracy?

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

**2** OQ62865 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on funding for schools in South Wales Central?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

**3** OQ62860 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of smartphones by students in schools?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

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**OQ62858 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the national behaviour summit?

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

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**OQ62883 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to include AI in education?

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

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**OQ62859 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to support adult learners in further education in Mid and West Wales?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ62869 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the funding of school building maintenance?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

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**OQ62878 (e)**

How does the Welsh Government ensure children with Tourette's syndrome receive appropriate support in school?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

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**OQ62880 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that parents have the freedom to choose which school their child can attend?