

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 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 (0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted

5 90 Second Statements (5 mins)



6 Debate on petition: P-06-1494 Welsh Government to protect funding in education from WG and Local Authority cuts

(30 mins)

NDM8982 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1494 Welsh Government to protect funding in education from WG and Local Authority cuts](#)' which received 11,040 signatures.

7 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: AI and the Welsh Economy: Can Welsh androids dream of electric sheep?

(30 mins)

NDM8983 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd notes:

The report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, 'AI and the Welsh Economy: Can Welsh androids dream of electric sheep?', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 May 2025, and on which the Welsh Government [laid](#) its response on 16 September 2025.

8 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Annual scrutiny: National Infrastructure Commission for Wales 2024

(30 mins)

NDM8986 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Annual scrutiny: National Infrastructure Commission for Wales 2024, [laid](#) on 24 April 2025.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 16 September 2025. The National Infrastructure Commission for Wales [responded](#) on 8 May 2025.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The NHS

(60 mins)

NDM8984 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Reaffirms that the Welsh NHS should always remain free at the point of delivery, publicly funded, and not replaced by an insurance-based system.
2. Regrets that, since the 2021 Senedd election and the Welsh Government's Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru:
 - a) over 38,000 Welsh people have died while waiting for NHS treatment; and
 - b) total patient pathways have increased by around a third.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to prevent more needless deaths by:
 - a) declaring a health emergency to direct the resources and apparatus of the Welsh Government at cutting NHS waiting lists;
 - b) guaranteeing one year maximum waits for treatment;
 - c) introducing a seven-day GP appointment wait guarantee;
 - d) carrying out a comprehensive Welsh NHS recruitment and retention plan;
 - e) building more surgical hubs and expanding rapid diagnostic centres;
 - f) restoring patient choice in where they can access healthcare; and
 - g) launching a cancer action plan.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the additional £120 million funding to eliminate all two-year waits and reduce the overall size of the waiting list by the end of March 2026.

Welcomes action to prevent more cancer deaths by launching a national targeted lung cancer screening programme in Wales and increasing access to bowel cancer screening.

Notes:

- a) long waits of more than two years for treatment are now 88.6 per cent lower than their peak in March 2022; and
- b) the average waiting time for treatment is just over 21 weeks.

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

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Regrets:

- a) the policies of successive Westminster Governments in opening the door to privatisation in the NHS, including the private finance initiative;
- b) the failure of the previous Conservative UK Government and the current Labour UK Government to provide Wales with a fair funding settlement reflective of its health and social care needs;
- c) the austerity policies of the previous Conservative UK Government, which directly contributed to excess deaths in Wales and deteriorating health outcomes; and
- d) the double standards of the previous Conservative UK Government with respect to the observance of COVID regulations, which eroded trust in public health measures.

Further regrets that since the 2021 Senedd election total patient pathways have increased by around a third.

Calls on the Welsh Government to prevent more needless deaths by:

- a) declaring a health emergency; and
- b) implementing Plaid Cymru's plan, published in January 2025, to tackle waiting lists.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8966 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Securing Welsh hospice care for the future

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 30 September 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 17/09/2025 for answer on 24/09/2025

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CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

Vaughan Gething *Cardiff South and Penarth*

1 OQ63108 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government Department for Transport and Network Rail about realigning tracks to help deliver the Cardiff Parkway railway station?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

2 OQ63121 (w)

What action is the Government taking to safeguard the Carmarthen-Aberystwyth railway corridor from developments that may undermine the possibility of it reopening in the future?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

3 OQ63113 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of home-to-school transport?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

4 OQ63097 (e)

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

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

5 OQ63123 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with the bus industry to identify the major causes of congestion?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

6 OQ63114 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving transport infrastructure in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

7 OQ63130 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's latest evaluation of the impact of the default 20mph speed limit policy?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

8 OQ63106 (e)

How is the Government supporting local authorities to ensure that school transport services will not be cut?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

9 OQ63122 (e)

How will the Bus Services (Wales) Bill benefit the bus workforce in Wales?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

10 OQ63107 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the progress of the north-west Cardiff corridor rail project?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

11 OQ63116 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure that the trunk road network is safe for all road users?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

12 OQ63127 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline his priorities for Wales's transport network for the remainder of the Senedd?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, TREFNYDD AND CHIEF WHIP

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

1 OQ63133 (e)

How is the Government promoting community cohesion in South Wales East?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OQ63104 (e)

What requirements does the Welsh Government place on local authorities regarding the provision and coordination of sites for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

3 OQ63129 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's action to improve the provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

4 OQ63100 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting Ukrainian refugees in Wales?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

5 OQ63099 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure the sustainability of charities in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

6 OQ63117 (e)

What action will the Welsh Government take to support families and children living in poverty in Rhondda over the autumn and winter months?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

7 OQ63124 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's work around the coordination of refugees, migration and community cohesion?

Mabon ap Gwynfor *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

8 OQ63125 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on sexual violence rates in Wales?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

9 OQ63109 (e)

How does the Welsh Government support the work that faith groups do in Welsh communities?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

10 OQ63119 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's support for people seeking refuge from the war in Ukraine?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

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OQ63110 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to tackle domestic violence in South Wales East?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

12

OQ63131 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of volunteers in communities across Wales?

SENEDD COMMISSION

James Evans *Brecon and Radnorshire*

1

OQ63128 (e)

Will the Commission set out the costs of the new Senedd Chamber and the expected timelines for completing the work?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

2

OQ63132 (e)

Will the Commission provide an update on the use of AI in managing Senedd business?