

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambwr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 October 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 3.

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(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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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government on the impact of increased European Union tariffs on the Welsh steel industry?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales



[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the decision to temporarily close the Menai Bridge?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

No 90 Second Statements were submitted.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

(5 mins)

NNDM9007 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Russell George (Independent) as a member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Joel James (Welsh Conservatives).

5 Motion to dissolve the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

(5 mins)

NDM8997 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee was established on 16 May 2023.
2. Notes that the Committee's report, 'Report on the gaps identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the covid-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination: UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1', was [laid](#) on 25 March 2025.
3. Notes that the Committee's report, 'Report on the gaps identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the covid-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination: UK covid-19 Inquiry Module 1', was debated on 16 July 2025.
4. Agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, that the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee should cease to exist.

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Natural Resources Wales: Annual scrutiny 2024–25

(60 mins)

NDM8996 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Natural Resources Wales: Annual scrutiny 2024–25 was [laid](#) on 21 May 2025.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 1 October 2025. Natural Resources Wales [responded](#) on 3 July 2025.

7 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report: Housing support for vulnerable people

(60 mins)

NDM8995 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, 'Housing Support for Vulnerable People', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 15 May 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 1 October 2025.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Sustainable Farming Scheme

(60 mins)

NDM8999 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that the Welsh Government's economic impact assessment to the Sustainable Farming Scheme published on 30 September 2025 will result in an estimated:

- a) 56,000 Welsh livestock numbers lost;
- b) 1,163 jobs on Welsh farms lost; and

c) £76.3 million lost in farm business income.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to scrap and replace the current Sustainable Farming Scheme with a scheme that works for farmers, placing food security and production at its core.

[Economic impact assessment to the Sustainable Farming Scheme](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the collaborative approach taken to the development of the Sustainable Farming Scheme and the significant contribution of stakeholders.
2. Notes the publication of the scheme on 15 July 2025 and the ongoing work with stakeholders on the Optional and Collaborative layers.
3. Welcomes the publication of the Sustainable Farming Scheme Full Business case for openness and transparency
4. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to invest over £340 million in the Sustainable Farming Scheme in 2026.
5. Encourages farmers to consider the details of the scheme itself and undertake the ready reckoner available on the Welsh Government website.

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

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government and the Sustainable Farming Scheme Ministerial Roundtable to continue to evolve and revise the scheme in order to ensure a sustainable and viable future for the agricultural sector in Wales.

Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh and UK Governments to work together to provide a multi-year financial settlement to the agricultural sector, and to move away from Barnettising the farming budget in order to provide economic stability to the sector.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8992 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

A barrier to accessing education: the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure and why changes are needed.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 01/10/2025 for answer on 08/10/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

1

OQ63217 (e) *Withdrawn*

What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to regulate houses of multiple occupancy?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

2

OQ63200 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Electoral Commission, local authorities and the police about the security of future Senedd elections?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

3

OQ63219 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to encourage participation in elections?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

4

OQ63207 (e)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government about the impact on local authorities in rural Wales of its Pride in Place programme?

Vaughan Gething *Cardiff South and Penarth*

5

OQ63218 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of how the collaboration between Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council and Lovell Partnership will help accelerate the delivery of specialist housing and new schemes?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

6

OQ63195 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary set out a timeline to address the financial issues encountered by home owners due to the lack of regulation of estate management companies?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

7

OQ63223 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's building safety programme?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

8

OQ63188 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on house building rates in Wales?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

9

OQ63203 (e)

What action is the Cabinet Secretary taking to support councils in keeping council tax low?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

10

OQ63213 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on housing needs in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

11

OQ63220 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage relationships between elected councillors and paid officers that enable local authorities to provide the best possible service for the population they serve?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

12

OQ63211 (w)

What support is the Welsh Government offering to residents concerned about the slow progress of remediation works to their buildings in the wake of the 2017 Grenfell tragedy?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

1

OQ63221 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support adult learners?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

2

OQ63206 (e)

How does the Welsh curriculum incorporate work-related learning and career education into its framework?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

3

OQ63224 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the actions and outcomes from the Welsh Government's national behaviour summit?

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

4

OQ63212 (w)

How is the Welsh Government addressing issues relating to staff welfare and job security at Bangor University?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

5

OQ63198 (e)

How is the Welsh Government implementing the judgement of the Supreme Court on the definition of sex in schools?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

6

OQ63222 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that the needs are met of learners displaced by the closure of school buildings due to safety concerns?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

7

OQ63204 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve school attendance?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

8

OQ63189 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting people into further education?

Cefin Campbell *Mid and West Wales*

9

OQ63210 (e)

Will the Welsh Government provide an update on progress towards establishing a sustainable model for supply teaching across Wales?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

10

OQ63202 (e)

How does the Cabinet Secretary plan to improve school standards for the remainder of this Senedd?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

11

OQ63186 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the role of further education in supporting skills development and economic growth in Swansea?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

12

OQ63192 (e)

What safeguarding training is the Welsh Government providing to schools and teachers to protect children from the adverse effects of generative and chatbot AI?