

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Meeting time: 13.30

### 341 (v5)

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

(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 Health and Social Care

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

##### To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the UK Government's steel strategy on the future of the steel industry in Wales?



#### **4 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report: Teacher Recruitment and Retention**

(60 mins)

**NDM9224** [Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee 'Teacher recruitment and retention' which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 January 2026.

Notes the response from the Welsh Government which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 March 2026.

#### **5 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report: Cymraeg i bawb?**

(60 mins)

**NDM9234** [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee: 'Cymraeg for all?' which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 February 2026.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 March 2026.

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The Welsh Government**

(60 mins)

**NDM9235** [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that 27 years of Welsh Labour Governments, propped up by Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrats, have failed to improve the lives of the people of Wales, and that only the Welsh Conservatives have a credible plan to fix Wales and get Wales working.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the Welsh Labour Government's record of delivering for the people of Wales, including:

- a) the largest and most sustained reduction in the overall waiting list on record and the fastest fall in two-year waits on record;
- b) almost £4 billion invested in new school and college buildings in every part of Wales;
- c) creating or safeguarding more than 50,000 private sector jobs this term;
- d) delivering improvement in roads, transformation of the rail fleet, and a new law bringing bus services back under public control;
- e) the highest sustained delivery of social housing in nearly two decades;
- f) Wales continuing to be ranked second in the world for recycling, up from five per cent recycling at the start of devolution to over 68 per cent today;
- g) over £7 billion invested to keep money in people's pockets; and
- h) the biggest investment in public services in the history of devolution, through the Final Budget for 2026–27.

[Welsh Government's Final Budget 2026 to 2027](#)

**If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected.**

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that 27 years of Labour First Ministers of Wales, as well as successive Conservative and Labour UK Governments, have failed to improve the lives of the people of Wales.
2. Further believes that parties not solely focused on Wales, or based in Wales, will never prioritise the interests of the people of Wales, and that only Plaid Cymru has a comprehensive and credible plan to deliver the new leadership Wales needs.

**If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected.**

**Amendment 3 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that 27 years of Plaid Cymru and Liberal Democrat–supported Welsh Labour Governments have failed the people of Wales.
2. Recognises that only Reform UK have a credible plan to put Welsh people first.

**Co-submitters**

[Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#)

**Amendment 4 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)**

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government failed to intervene in the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee’s decision to adopt recommendations from the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service, which included the permanent closure of air ambulance bases in Welshpool and Caernarfon.

Believes that:

- a) the next Welsh Government should intervene to ensure that air ambulance bases remain operational in Welshpool and Caernarfon;
- b) Welsh health boards and English health trusts should work closely together for the benefit of patients, regardless of where they live;
- c) it is indefensible for Welsh health boards to ask health providers in England to deliberately slow down the delivery of treatment for patients, despite those English providers having sufficient capacity;
- d) the current Government has failed the residents of Powys by not funding Powys Teaching Health Board to a level that enables it to purchase healthcare capacity in England in line with English waiting time targets; and
- e) the next Welsh Government should ensure that no Welsh Health Board should be permitted to request that providers in England deliberately delay NHS treatment for Welsh patients.

## 7 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To be answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government**

[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the Rycroft Review, and how will it ensure the new UK wide donation cap and ban on cryptocurrency donations are applied effectively in Wales ahead of the 2026 Senedd election?

## 8 Short Debate

(15 mins)

**NDM9187** [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

A valediction: five terms as an MS – a reflection on my time as a Member of the Senedd.

## 9 Closing statements

## 10 Voting Time

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 18/03/2026 for answer on 25/03/2026

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY, ENERGY AND PLANNING

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

**1** OQ64040 (e)

What plans does the Government have to develop renewable energy in South Wales East?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**2** OQ64059 (e)

What steps does the Welsh Government take when blasting at a quarry is found to breach planning conditions regarding air quality and public health?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**3** OQ64061 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on her decision to withdraw Wrexham's local development plan?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

**4** OQ64051 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the local growth fund will support communities across Wales, including in Rhondda?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**5** OQ64039 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the economy in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**6** OQ64045 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting culture in north-east Wales?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**7** OQ64053 (e)

How is the Welsh Government helping businesses in North Wales expand and remain competitive?

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

8 OQ64037 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the drive towards net zero on economic growth in South Wales East?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

9 OQ64050 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring energy security for households?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

10 OQ64035 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of Welsh Government policies on the closure of high-street businesses?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

11 OQ64054 (e)

What discussions is the Welsh Government having with the UK Government to negate the impact of global pressures on energy and fuel prices in Wales?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

12 OQ64052 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to households and businesses facing rising fuel costs?

## CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

1 OQ64048 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to reduce delayed discharges from hospitals in the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board area?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

2 OQ64029 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline how the Welsh Government works with providers in England to ensure people have access to care?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

3 OQ64060 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the supply of MenB vaccine for pharmacies to offer privately to the residents of Islwyn?

**Lindsay Whittle** *Caerphilly*

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**OQ64031 (e)**

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the number of excess deaths associated with long waiting times in accident and emergency departments?

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

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**OQ64033 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to reduce missed appointments across NHS services?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

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**OQ64046 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the priorities for tackling pain in the Welsh Government's Women's Health Plan?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

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**OQ64026 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on recruitment to the Wales cardiac clinical lead role?

**Buffy Williams** *Rhondda*

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**OQ64044 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government improving access to health care and support for residents in Rhondda?

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

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**OQ64047 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve access to women's health services?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

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**OQ64058 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to increase breastfeeding rates?

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

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**OQ64043 (e)**

What is the Government doing to ensure and promote patient safety in South Wales East?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

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**OQ64027 (e)**

What action is the Cabinet Secretary taking to ensure the safety and dignified care of patients in hospital emergency departments?