

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 March 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be 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 Transport and North Wales (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders 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 (0 mins)

No questions were tabled

4 Topical Questions (0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted



5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report – Individual Member Accountability: Recall

(60 mins)

NDM8850 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Standards of Conduct Committee, ‘Individual Member Accountability: Recall’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 23 January 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 March 2025.

7 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report – Children on the margins

(60 mins)

NDM8847 [Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee ‘Children on the Margins’ which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 December 2024.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 January 2025.

8 Plaid Cymru Debate – Rail infrastructure funding

(60 mins)

NDM8852 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that:

a) the UK Secretary of State for Transport's acknowledgement in correspondence with the Welsh Government that Wales's rail infrastructure has suffered from historically low levels of enhancement spending over many years;

- b) this systematic underfunding is in addition to the withholding of HS2 consequential; and
- c) the Welsh Government's analysis from 2020 that relative to its share of UK population and route length of the rail network, Wales will face a shortfall of between £2.4 billion and £5.1 billion in rail enhancement funding on the basis of UK Government commitments over the period 2019 to 2029.

2. Regrets:

- a) the reports that the UK Chancellor intends to freeze spending on major new rail projects until after the next UK election, which would further entrench the systematic underfunding of Welsh rail for at least another four years; and
- b) that previous UK Government pledges on rail infrastructure, which were in themselves insufficient to make up for historic underfunding, such as the pledge to electrify the north Wales mainline, have failed to materialise.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) provide updated figures on the shortfall in rail enhancement investment in Wales;
- b) confirm its position that HS2 should be redesignated as an England-only project and that Wales should receive the resultant consequential in line with figures quoted by current UK Government Ministers when in opposition; and
- c) write to the UK Secretary of State for Transport to ask for the full consequential to be made available to Wales and reversal of low levels of enhancement spending.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes:

- a) that the UK Government has acknowledged the historic low levels of spending on railways in Wales; and

b) the endorsement by the UK Government of a pipeline of rail enhancement priorities identified by the Wales Rail Board.

2. Notes that the Welsh Government is seeking to secure:

a) funding for an ambitious pipeline of rail enhancements, starting with the delivery of the recommendations of the North Wales and South East Wales Transport Commissions;

b) a review of Network Rail investment processes to ensure Wales receives a fair share of future Network Rail investment;

c) funding for Core Valley Lines rail enhancements; and

d) an appropriate level of comparability with relevant UK Government programmes in the Barnett formula, recognising that responsibility for this part of the rail network in Wales is now devolved.

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

Amendment 2 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

In point 2, delete sub-point b)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8848 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

Ensuring Wales has a thriving university sector.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 March 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 05/03/2025 for answer on 12/03/2025

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

CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

1 OQ62418 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the accessibility of train and bus services in South Wales East?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ62412 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving road safety in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

3 OQ62424 (e)

What measures does the Welsh Government have in place to ensure that Transport for Wales is being run as a competitive and efficient business?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

4 OQ62421 (e)

What discussions is the Welsh Government having with Transport For Wales regarding improved transport connectivity for the 2025 National Eisteddfod in Wrexham?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

5 OQ62446 (w)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to enhance the resilience of the Britannia Bridge crossing?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

6 OQ62434 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with Natural Resources Wales and local authorities to ensure the resilience of the highway network against flooding?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

7 OQ62441 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure active travel routes are accessible to people with disabilities?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

8 OQ62416 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's proposals for improving the transport network in North Wales?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

9 OQ62426 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working to improve transport infrastructure across South Wales West?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

10 OQ62442 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure good transport connectivity ahead of large festivals and events in Cardiff?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

11 OQ62413 (e)

How much has the Welsh Government invested in capital expenditure on the trunk road network in Conwy and Denbighshire since May 2021, and what is the planned capital investment over the next 12 months?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

12 OQ62419 (d)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that residents of South Wales West have access to bus services?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, TREFNYDD AND CHIEF WHIP

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

1 OQ62440 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about alleviating child poverty?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

2 OQ62429 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with Ofgem about standing charges?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

3 OQ62420 (e)

What discussions is Welsh Government having with the UK Government regarding the provision of appropriate support for prisoners being released from Welsh prisons?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

4 OQ62427 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support pensioners across South Wales West?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

5 OQ62435 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales regarding the blue badge application process?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

6 OQ62437 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's public appointments procedures?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

7 OQ62439 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on accessibility of refuges in north Wales for women who are victims of sexual assault and recovering from substance use?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

8 OQ62445 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government about establishing a new crime prevention agency to enhance community safety?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

9 OQ62425 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to build stronger communities in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

Natasha Asghar *South Wales East*

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OQ62438 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to tackle poverty amongst women in South Wales East?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

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OQ62443 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support pensioners?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

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OQ62448 (e)

How many genders does the Welsh Government recognise?