

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 March 2026

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 Finance and Welsh Language

(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 Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To be answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the cost-of-living implications on Wales of the conflict in the Middle East?

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



[Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what action is being taken to tackle the impact of deep fakes in respect of this year's Senedd election, following recent news reports?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Registration of Members' Interests**

(5 mins)

##### **NDM9203 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5 in relation to the Registration of Members' Interest', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

#### **6 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Declarations of Members' Interests**

(5 mins)

##### **NDM9204 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 2, 13, 15 and 17 in relation to the declaration of Members' interests', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

## **7 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Parliamentary Business in the Seventh Senedd**

(5 mins)

**NDM9205** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 11.10 and 12.6(i)', laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

## **8 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Member Bills**

(5 mins)

**NDM9206** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 26: Member Bills', laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex 2 of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

## **9 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Public Bills**

(5 mins)

**NDM9207** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 26 Acts of the Senedd, and consequential changes to Standing Orders 26A Private Acts of the Senedd, 26B Hybrid Acts of the Senedd and 26C Consolidation Acts of the Senedd', laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.

2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex 2 of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

## **10 Motion to amend Standing Orders: Public Petitions**

(5 mins)

**NDM9208** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 23 – Public Petitions', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Orders, as set out in Annex B of the Business Committee's report.
3. Notes that these changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd.

## **11 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Bringing home the harvest: Supporting the Welsh food processing industry**

(30 mins)

**NDM9200** [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Notes the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report 'Bringing home the harvest: Supporting the Welsh food processing industry' that was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 January 2026.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 March 2026.

## **12 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Local Growth Fund**

(30 mins)

**NDM9201** [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Local Growth Fund which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 23 February 2026.

### **13 Debate: Stage 4 of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill**

(15 mins)

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<http://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Clip/86122cc0-ea24-45c8-9deb-38a9bc7f515b>

#### **NDM9210 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that Senedd Cymru, in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill.

[British Sign Language \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

### **14 Debate on the Family–Friendly and Inclusive Parliament Review Board Report**

(60 mins)

#### **NDM9199 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Family–Friendly and Inclusive Parliament Review, A Senedd for All, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 March 2026.

### **15 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Economic Policy**

(60 mins)

#### **NDM9202 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the UK Government’s Spring Statement of 3 March 2026 and the latest economic forecasts.
2. Regrets that under Labour governments in both Westminster and Cardiff:
  - a) economic growth forecasts have been downgraded;
  - b) unemployment is expected to rise and Wales continues to have the lowest employment in the UK;
  - c) the number of people in Wales on universal credit is the highest ever;

- d) economic inactivity in Wales is the highest in Great Britain; and
  - e) pay packets in Wales are the lowest in the United Kingdom.
3. Believes that after almost three decades of Labour-led government in Wales, the Welsh economy is underperforming and working people and businesses need a strong pro-growth approach.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to get Wales working by:
- a) cutting the basic rate of Welsh income tax by 1 pence in the pound;
  - b) scrapping business rates for small firms, pubs and post offices;
  - c) scrapping the proposed tourism tax;
  - d) abolishing land transaction tax for the purchase of a primary residence; and
  - e) requiring local authorities to hold a referendum before increasing council tax by more than 5 per cent.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the additional £555 million in resource and capital funding for Wales over the next three years in the UK Government's spring statement.

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

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Regrets that under the previous UK Conservative Government:

- a) tax as a proportion of GDP reached its highest level since the Second World War;
- b) living standards declined during the 2019–2024 Parliament, the first such decline on record;
- c) the Liz Truss mini budget, supported by the Conservative group in the Senedd, crashed the UK economy and sent mortgage payments soaring for homeowners;
- d) Brexit inflicted an economic hit on Wales that to date stands at over £4 billion, and continues to impose burdensome red tape on Welsh businesses; and
- e) made promises to electrify the Cardiff to Swansea line and to revamp the North Wales line never materialised.

Regrets that under the current Labour governments in Westminster and Wales:

- a) the Welsh budget is set to experience its lowest growth in day-to-day spending outside of the immediate austerity years, and a shrinking capital budget;
- b) the Barnett formula was manipulated at Wales's expense in calculating Treasury reimbursements for employer national insurance contributions in the core public sector, creating a black hole in Welsh public finances that has had to be shouldered by local authorities; and
- c) Wales ranks amongst the lowest of the 12 UK nations and regions on a range of economic performance metrics, including productivity employment and primary income per capita.

Believes that:

- a) the people of Wales have been left worse off from the policy agendas of successive Westminster governments;
- b) Reform threaten to exacerbate this harm through reckless uncoded spending plans and deep cuts to public services; and
- c) only Plaid Cymru offers new leadership to unleash Wales's economic potential.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) establish a national development agency for the 21st century to unleash the potential of the Welsh economy;
- b) implement Plaid Cymru's childcare programme to save families more than £30,000 in costs per child;
- c) reform business rates to better support domestic SMEs; and
- d) work with the Wales Pension Partnership to ensure that a higher proportion of Wales's pension asset wealth is retained and reinvested in our communities.

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

**Amendment 3 [Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#)**

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Believes that after almost three decades of Plaid Cymru-backed Welsh Labour Governments, the Welsh economy is underperforming and working people and businesses need a strong pro-growth approach.

Calls on the Welsh Government to tackle the cost of living, kickstart the Welsh economy, and put the people of Wales first by:

- a) bringing forward a credible plan to cut income tax across all bands by one pence;
- b) scrapping the tourism tax;
- c) introducing a tax lock to prevent the creation of new taxes or levies by the Welsh Government;
- d) scrapping net zero to end wasteful subsidies, and make it easier to build infrastructure;
- e) requiring councils to hold referendums for council tax rises above 4.99 per cent;
- f) restoring the 30mph default speed limit;
- g) delivering an M4 relief road;
- h) undertaking a thorough review of all regulations to assess whether they are necessary, proportionate, and fit for purpose;
- i) implementing a permanent lower business rates multiplier for pubs, hotels and hospitality venues; and
- j) prioritising procurement with local firms.

#### **Co-submitters**

[James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

## **16 Voting Time**

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<http://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Clip/8580bd24-2ed6-43fd-ac61-606cd4a83f97>

## **17 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM9190** [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

Delivering fair healthcare across every part of Wales.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 March 2026

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 04/03/2026 for answer on 11/03/2026

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND WELSH LANGUAGE

**Hannah Blythyn** *Delyn*

**1** OQ63969 (w)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the Welsh Language Commissioner's five-year report - Our Time to Act: The position of the Welsh Language 2021–25?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

**2** OQ63953 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on progress towards Cymraeg 2050 targets in Cardiff, including how the Welsh Government is supporting the long-term preservation and daily use of the Welsh language across the city?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

**3** OQ63967 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the consequences of the UK Government's spring statement for the people of Islwyn?

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

**4** OQ63965 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on business rate relief for pubs and restaurants in Mid and West Wales?

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

**5** OQ63961 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the impact of the proposed council tax rises in South Wales East?

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

**6** OQ63973 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on what Barnett consequential the Welsh Government expects to be allocated light of the UK Government's spring statement?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

**7** OQ63962 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the impact the Welsh Government's visitor levy will have on South Wales East?

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

**8** OQ63974 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the implications of the UK Government's spring statement for Mid and West Wales?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

**9** OQ63964 (e)

How will the Welsh Government ensure that money raised from the visitor levy will be invested in tourism infrastructure?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**10** OQ63945 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on Invest to Save?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**11** OQ63958 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure value for money in the delivery of public services?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

**12** OQ63979 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary outline the progress the Government has made towards reaching its target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050?

## **DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND CABINET SECRETARY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

**1** OQ63957 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on how the Local Places for Nature and Nature Network schemes are connecting people with nature?

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

**2** OQ63977 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving water quality in rivers?

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

3

OQ63971 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve profitability in the farming sector?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

4

OQ63947 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the agricultural sector in Brecon and Radnorshire?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

5

OQ63956 (e)

How is the Welsh Government improving food security in Wales?

**Gareth Davies** *Vale of Clwyd*

6

OQ63963 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting efforts to provide permanent solutions to fluvial flooding in Denbighshire?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

7

OQ63943 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on air and water pollution in Swansea?

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

8

OQ63968 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the performance of Welsh Water in serving the people of Islwyn?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

9

OQ63966 (w)

How is the Welsh Government working to ensure that the one in seven properties in Wales at risk of flooding have received advice on property flood resilience measures that may benefit them?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

10

OQ63976 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the discovery of carcinogenic forever chemicals at the former 3M factory in Gorseinon?

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

11

**OQ63955 (w)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary confirm whether the Welsh Government remains committed to its original target for the creation of new woodlands by 2030?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

12

**OQ63949 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on progress toward introducing a deposit-return scheme in Wales?