

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Minutes EOC(3)-08-09

**Date:** Tuesday 2 June 2009

**Time:** 9.30 - 11.00 am

**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)  
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales  
Jonathan Morgan, Cardiff North  
Janet Ryder, North Wales  
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

### Officials in Attendance

Tom Jackson, Clerk  
Rita Philips, Deputy Clerk  
Lisa Salkeld, Legal Adviser

### Others in Attendance

Kate Bennett, National Director for Wales, Equality and Human Rights Commission  
Nick Lambert, Equality and Human Rights Commission  
Martyn Jones, Equalities Manager, Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales  
Graham Francis, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales  
Rhian Davies, Chief Executive, Disability Wales

### Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 There were no apologies.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

### Item 2: UK Equality Bill

**Paper:** EOC(3)-08-09(p.1)

- 2.1 Kate Bennett responded to questions from the Committee.

#### Action

Chair to write to Kate Bennett with further questions from the Committee.

- 2.2 The Chair thanked Kate Bennett for attending the Committee meeting to discuss the UK Equality Bill.

**Paper:** EOC(3)-08-09(p.2)

- 2.3 Rhian Davies, Martyn Jones and Graham Francis responded to questions from the Committee.

#### Actions

Secretariat to circulate the paper prepared by Disability Wales.

Chair to write to the Welsh Assembly Government and the National Assembly for Wales Commission to ask for information about the gap between pay for disabled and non-disabled employees.

- 2.4 The Chair thanked Rhian Davies, Martyn Jones and Graham Francis for attending the meeting to discuss the UK Equality Bill.

- 2.5 The Chair reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be on 16 June when the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government would be scrutinised on the UK Equality Bill.

### Committee Service

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