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The National Assembly for Wales**

**Pwyllgor Deddfwriaeth Rhif 2  
Legislation Committee No. 2**

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**Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol**  
**Committee members in attendance**

Jeff Cuthbert	Llafur Labour
Paul Davies	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
Gareth Jones	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
Val Lloyd	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Chair of the Committee)
Sandy Mewies	Llafur Labour
Jenny Randerson	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats

**Swyddogion Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad yn bresennol**  
**Assembly Parliamentary Service officials in attendance**

Sarah Beasley	Clerc Clerc
Kathryn Potter	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members Research Service
Lisa Salkeld	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol i'r Pwyllgor Legal Adviser to the Committee
Sarah Sargent	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk

*Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 10.45 a.m.*  
*The meeting began at 10.45 a.m.*

**Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon**  
**Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions**

[1] **Val Lloyd:** Good morning everyone, and welcome to today's meeting of Legislation Committee No. 2. We have our full complement of Members, so there are no apologies or substitutions. I welcome two new committee members, Gareth Jones and Paul Davies. We are very pleased to have you on the committee.

[2] It will be a short meeting, but I will still run through the housekeeping announcements. We do not expect a fire alarm test, so if you hear the call, the ushers will help you to leave by the exits. Please turn off all your telephony equipment, as it interferes with the broadcasting equipment. The National Assembly for Wales operates through the media of Welsh and English; headphones are provided for translation, which is on channel 1, and sound amplification, which is available on channel 0.

10.46 a.m.

**Mesur Arfaethedig ynghylch Plant a Theuluoedd (Cymru)—Cyfnod 1**  
**Proposed Children and Families (Wales) Measure—Stage 1**

[3] **Val Lloyd:** The committee has completed its Stage 2 consideration of the proposed Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure, and we are about to start our Stage 1 scrutiny of the proposed Children and Families (Wales) Measure. The purpose of this meeting is to formally agree the committee's approach to the scrutiny of this wide-ranging proposed Measure.

[4] For the record, the proposed Measure was laid before the Assembly on 2 March by Dr Brian Gibbons, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government. The role of the committee is to consider and report on the general principles of the proposed Measure. We have had informal discussions on our approach to scrutiny of the proposed Measure, and we have agreed that, first, the framework for the committee's work is to consider the need for a Measure to contribute to the eradication of child poverty, make provision for childminding and daycare for children, provide support for vulnerable families and make arrangements to secure sufficient play opportunities for children. Secondly, we will consider the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure and whether or not they achieve their purpose. Thirdly, we will consider the practical implications of implementing the key provisions, and fourthly, consider whether or not the proposed Measure achieves its overall purpose and aims. Are Members content with this approach? I see that you are in agreement. Thank you.

[5] Are Members also content to issue a general call for evidence, invite written submissions from organisations and individuals, and, over the coming weeks, invite key stakeholders to give oral evidence? I see that you are content. Thank you.

[6] The committee has been given a remit by the Business Committee to consider and report on the proposed Measure by 12 June. However, as we have previously discussed, we considered that, in view of the importance and breadth of the proposed Measure, we wished to make a case to the Business Committee for a reasonable extension, so that we could explore the proposed Measure in depth. That has been agreed.

[7] The next meeting of the committee will be held in a fortnight's time, on Wednesday 25 March, when we hope to take evidence from the Member in charge of the proposed Measure, namely Dr Brian Gibbons, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government. Does any Member wish to comment? I see not. With that, I thank you for your attendance and close the meeting.

*Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.49 a.m.*  
*The meeting ended at 10.49 a.m.*