

Agenda Supplement – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel and video conference via Zoom	P Gareth Williams Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 10 October 2022	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 12.45	SeneddLJC@senedd.wales

Hybrid – Supplementary Pack

Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

6.4 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Consultation on the Statute Law (Repeals) (Wales) Bill

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LJC(6)-25-22 – Paper 19 – Written Statement by the Counsel General and
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9 The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill: Draft report

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE Consultation on the Statute Law (Repeals) (Wales) Bill

DATE 7 October 2022

BY Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

Our programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law seeks to tackle problems with the complexity and the disorganised state of our vast and sprawling statute book. One of the causes of that complexity is the way legislation can be amended, re-amended and re-made in inconsistent ways over time. Sometimes those changes can result in legislative provisions which are no longer necessary. Provisions can also fall out of use or are never commenced (often because other circumstances have rendered them unnecessary).

Today I am launching a [consultation on the Statute Law \(Repeals\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) which will remove unnecessary provisions from the Welsh statute book, to help “declutter” it and bring clarity about the extent to which those provisions are relevant to Wales. This simplification of the law helps avoid people being misled by obsolete legislation.

Through this consultation, I am keen to understand if the proposed repeals are helpful, and whether there are any consequences of repeal that we need to be aware of. I also welcome views on whether there are other provisions we should consider including in this or a future Bill.

Bills such as this one used to be a regular feature in the UK Parliament, but unfortunately, we have not seen one being taken through there for a number of years now. I anticipate a Statute Law (Repeals) Bill will feature in most Senedd terms.

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