

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 1 November 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.41

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Chair) Rhys ab Owen MS Alun Davies MS Peter Fox MS
Witnesses:	Sir Wyn Williams, Welsh Tribunals Rhian Davies-Rees, Welsh Tribunals
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher) Aled Evans



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Evidence session with the President of Welsh Tribunals – Third Annual Report

The Committee received evidence from the President of Welsh Tribunals.

3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

3.1 SL(6)065 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and the Welsh Government response, and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Correspondence from the First Minister: Intergovernmental Meeting

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister.

4.2 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter-Ministerial Group for Elections and Registrations

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution.

4.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change.

4.4 Correspondence from the Llywydd's Committee: Elections Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Llywydd's Committee.

4.5 Correspondence from the Remuneration Board: Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Remuneration Board.

4.6 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Follow up to evidence session on 20 September 2021

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution.

4.7 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Environment Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change.

4.8 Correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: SL(6)067 Representation of the People (Amendment) (Wales) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government, and that it would be considering the Representation of the People (Amendment) (Wales) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 at its next meeting.

4.9 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Invitation to give evidence

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and the Constitution, and that he would be giving evidence to the Committee on 29 November 2021 in relation to the Codes of Welsh Law programme.

4.10 Correspondence from the First Minister: The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 19) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister, and that it would be considering the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 19) Regulations 2021 at its next meeting.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Evidence session with the President of Welsh Tribunals – consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the President of Welsh Tribunals. The Committee noted that a plenary debate on the President of Welsh Tribunals' Third Annual Report was likely to take place in the coming weeks.

7 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement between Senedd Cymru and the Welsh Government

The Committee considered and approved a revised version of the Inter-Institutional Agreement for the purpose of the Sixth Senedd. The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister to seek formal approval of the Agreement.

8 Briefing note on international agreements

The Committee considered the following international agreements:

- UK/Switzerland on social security coordination;
- Proposal of amendment to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic;
- UK/Albania on the transfer of sentenced persons;

and agreed to consider its draft report on the agreements at the next meeting.

9 Monitoring Report

The Committee noted the monitoring report. The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister to seek further information in relation to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement and to draw annual reports of the Welsh Tribunals to the relevant Committees.

10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: Environment Bill

The Committee noted the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill. The Committee also noted the letter from the Minister for Climate Change, and the Minister's intention to table a motion for debate on 2 November 2021.

11 Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services and agreed the matters to be included in its draft report.

12 Correspondence from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee. The Committee also noted that the Welsh Government had laid a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill on 29 October 2021.