

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 6 December 2021

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.27

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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:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Grace Martins, Senior Lawyer, Welsh Government Cath Wyatt, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language in relation to the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill. The Chair confirmed that the Committee would be sending a letter to the Minister following the session with additional questions related to the Bill.

3 Proposed negative instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.3B

3.1 pNeg(6)002 – The Food Information (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and was content that the negative procedure should apply.

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

4.1 SL(6)087 – The Education (European University Institute) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and the Welsh Government response, and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to seek further clarification in relation to its response to the report.

4.2 SL(6)091 – The Development Procedure (Consultees) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Amendment) Order 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.

4.3 SL(6)092 – The Valuation for Rating (Wales) (Coronavirus) (Revocation) Regulations 2021

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

4.4 SL(6)093 – Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4.5 SL(6)094 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 13) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4.6 SL(6)095 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4.7 SL(6)096 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 15) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4.8 SL(6)100 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 16) Regulations 2021

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4.9 SL(6)097 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021

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

4.10 SL(6)088 – The Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021

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

4.11 SL(6)089 – The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021

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

5 Subordinate legislation that raises no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.7

5.1 SL(6)090 – The Curriculum for Wales – Relationships and Sexuality Education Code

The Committee considered the Code and was content.

6 Written Statements under Standing Order 30C

6.1 WS-30C(6)004 – The UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

7 Common frameworks

7.1 Provisional common framework: Public Health Protection and Health Security

The Committee noted the letter from the Health and Social Care Committee.

8 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

8.1 Correspondence from the First Minister: British-Irish Council summit in Wales

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister, and that it had been sent in accordance with the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement.

8.2 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter-ministerial Group for Elections and Registration

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, and that it had been sent in accordance with the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement.

9 Papers to note

9.1 Correspondence from the Delegated Power and Law Reform Committee, Scottish Parliament: Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic

The Committee noted the letter from the Convener of the Delegated Power and Law Reform Committee of the Scottish Parliament and, in private, agreed to respond in due course.

9.2 Correspondence with the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Animal Health, Plant Health, Seeds and Seed Potatoes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

9.3 Correspondence with the Minister for Climate Change and the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Legislative Consent Motion debate relating to provisions in the UK Environment Bill

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

10 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and from Item 1 of the meeting on 13 December 2021

The Committee agreed the motion.

11 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill – consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received during its session with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language on the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill, and noted it would consider the Minister's response to its letter with additional questions in due course.

12 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill, and that it would be laid before 5pm.

13 Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Building Safety Bill – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed, subject to minor amendments, its report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Building Safety Bill. The Committee noted its report would be laid by the required deadline.

14 Legislative Consent: The Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill

14.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum on The Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill – consideration of revised draft report

The Committee considered a revised version of its report on the Welsh Government's Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill. The Committee noted its report would be laid by the required deadline.

14.2 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on The Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the

Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill. The Committee noted the report would be laid by the required deadline.

14.3 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on The Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill

The Committee noted the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill, which was laid on 3 December 2021.

15 International agreements considered on 29 November 2021 – consideration of draft report

The Committee considered and agreed its report on the international agreements considered at its meeting on 29 November 2021. The Committee agreed to draw the International Labour Organisation: Violence and Harassment Convention 2019 (No. 190) to the attention of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, and to share correspondence from the First Minister on the UK/Switzerland: Convention on social security coordination with the Health and Social Care Committee. In addition, the Committee noted that its report would be shared with the House of Lords International Agreements Committee.