

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 13 December 2021

Meeting time: 13.32 – 15.34

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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 Mike Hedges MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Lynsey Edwards, Welsh Government Laura Fox, Welsh Government Andrew Hewitt, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher)



	Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
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## **1 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill: Technical briefing from the Welsh Government (subject to the Bill being introduced)**

The Committee received a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials on the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill. The Committee was joined by Members of the Finance Committee for the briefing.

## **2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

There were no apologies or substitutions.

## **3 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3**

### **3.1 SL(6)098 – The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

### **4.1 SL(6)099 – The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Budget Motions and Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2021**

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

### **4.2 SL(6)103 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2021**

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

#### **4.3 SL(6)101 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 21) 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.

### **5 Papers to note**

#### **5.1 Correspondence from the Chair of the Finance Committee: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23**

The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee.

#### **5.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Sea Fisheries (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2021**

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

#### **5.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022**

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

#### **5.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill**

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government, which contained the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill.

### **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

The Committee agreed the motion.

## **7 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill**

The Committee considered the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill.

The Committee noted that the Minister had responded to its reports on the previous Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Bill, and that the Plenary debate on the Legislative Consent Motion on the Bill was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

## **8 Briefing note on international agreements**

The Committee considered the following international agreements:

- UK/Ukraine Official Credit Support for the Development of the Capabilities of the Ukrainian Navy;
- UK/Kenya Defence Cooperation Agreement;
- UK/Australia/USA Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information;

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

## **9 Common frameworks**

The Committee received an oral update on common frameworks. The Committee agreed to invite the Counsel General to give evidence on the common frameworks at a future meeting.

## **10 Matters related to justice within the Committee's remit – update**

The Committee received an update on matters related to justice, in particular initial work being carried out by the Citizen Engagement Team. The Committee agreed to consider a revised Forward Work Programme in the New Year.