

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 11 December 2023

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS James Evans MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Debra Carter, Welsh Government Ruth Cornick, Welsh Government Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Simon Tew, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session

The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government.

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

3.1 SL(6)422 – The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Wales) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2023

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

3.2 SL(6)421 – The Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2023

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

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

4.1 SL(6)406 – The Prohibition on the Incineration, or the Deposit in Landfill, of Specified Waste (Wales) Regulations 2023

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

4.2 SL(6)417 – The Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023

The Committee noted the response from the Welsh Government.

5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

5.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change Inter–Ministerial Group

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

5.2 Correspondence from Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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

6 Papers to note

6.1 Correspondence from the Chair of the Petitions Committee: The Environmental Information Regulations 2004

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Petitions Committee and the highlighted petition. It also noted correspondence from the Petitioner to the Petitions Committee.

6.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change to the Llywydd: Renters (Reform) Bill

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

6.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change to the Finance Committee: Infrastructure (Wales) Bill

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

6.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Residential lettings practices

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

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

8 Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence provided by the Minister for Finance and Local Government, and agreed to write to the Minister with supplementary questions.

9 Inquiry into UK–EU governance: Update

The committee considered and agreed its approach to publicising its report on UK–EU governance

10 The future of Welsh law: A programme for 2021 to 2026 – Annual Report 2022–2023

The Committee considered the Annual Report and agreed to invite the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution to attend a general scrutiny session in the new year, during which the Annual Report could be given further consideration.

11 Procedures for the scrutiny of legislation relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and UK–wide common policy frameworks: Draft response to the Business Committee

The Committee agreed its response to the Business Committee on procedures for the scrutiny of legislation relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and UK–wide common policy frameworks.

12 Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted and agreed to the forward work programme of the Committee.