

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 8 January 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.42

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## Remote

### Attendance

| Category               | Names                                                                                                                                          |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Huw Irranca-Davies MS (Chair)<br>Alun Davies MS<br>Samuel Kurtz MS<br>Adam Price MS<br>James Evans MS<br>Luke Fletcher MS<br>Carolyn Thomas MS |
| Witnesses:             |                                                                                                                                                |
| Committee Staff:       | P Gareth Williams (Clerk)<br>Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk)<br>Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk)<br>Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)                  |

### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.



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

### **2.1 SL(6)423 – The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

### **3.1 SL(6)419 – The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) 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)436 – The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations**

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

### **3.3 SL(6)420 – The Feed Additives (Authorisations) (Wales) Regulations 2023**

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

### **3.4 SL(6)426 – The Building (Building Control Profession) (Registration, Sanctions and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2023**

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

### **3.5 SL(6)427 – The Building Control Profession (Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2023**

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

### **3.6 SL(6)425 – The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

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 21.7**

### **4.1 SL(6)424 – Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling – A Code of Practice for Wales**

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

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

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

The Committee noted the response from the Welsh Government.

## **6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**

### **6.1 Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Economy: Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade**

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Economy.

## **6.2 Written Statement from the 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 Written Statement from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

## **6.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: Inter-Ministerial Group on Work and Pensions**

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip.

## **6.4 Written Statement and correspondence from the First Minister: British-Irish Council Summit**

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the First Minister.

# **7 Papers to note**

## **7.1 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Energy Bill**

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

## **7.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Infrastructure (Wales) Bill**

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

## **7.3 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee: Infrastructure (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the

Minister for Climate Change to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **7.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: UK Emissions Trading Scheme**

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

#### **7.5 Correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill**

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

#### **7.6 Correspondence from the Minister for Economy: United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Economy and agreed to write to seek further information.

#### **7.7 Correspondence between the Interparliamentary Forum and the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations**

The Committee noted the correspondence between the Interparliamentary Forum and the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations.

#### **7.8 Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to the Llywydd: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims and Prisoners Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to the Llywydd.

## **7.9 Correspondence from the First Minister to UK Government: Levelling up**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister to the UK Government.

## **7.10 Correspondence with the UK Government: Use of powers under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023**

The Committee noted its correspondence with the UK Government and its response.

## **7.11 Correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Local Government.

## **8 Motion to elect a temporary Chair under Standing Order 17.22 for agenda item 11**

There was a temporary Chair nomination under Standing Order 17.22, and the nomination was agreed. The Committee elected Alun Davies MS as a temporary Chair for item 11 of the meeting.

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

## **10 International agreements**

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the international agreements considered at its meeting on 4 December 2023.

The Committee also considered the UK–Rwanda Asylum Partnership Agreement to Strengthen Shared International Commitments on the Protection of Refugees and

Migrants. The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government and to draw the agreement to the attention of the Equality and Social Justice Committee and the House of Lords International Agreements Committee. It also agreed to consider a draft report on the agreement at its next meeting.

## **11 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Draft report**

In accordance with the motion agreed by the Committee, Alun Davies acted as temporary chair for agenda item 11.

Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Adam Price MS and Samuel Kurtz MS gave their apologies. The Committee welcomed Carolyn Thomas MS, Luke Fletcher MS and James Evans MS as substitutions.

The Committee considered and agreed its draft report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill, subject to some minor changes which would be finalised by email.