

Agenda – Reform Bill Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday 9 November
2023

Meeting time: 09.30

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Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest
(09.30)

2 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with electoral systems academics

(09.30–10.30)

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Professor Alistair Clark, Professor of Political Science, Newcastle University

Dr Jac Larner, Lecturer in Politics, Cardiff University

Supporting documents

Paper 1 Written evidence: Professor Alistair Clark

Paper 2 Written evidence: Dr Jac Larner

Research Brief

Break (10.30 – 10.45)

3 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with electoral reform organisations

(10.45–11.45)

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Jess Blair, Electoral Reform Society Cymru

Alberto Smith, Make Votes Matter

Supporting document

Paper 3 Written evidence: Electoral Reform Society Cymru

Lunch (11.45 – 12.45)

4 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session on the electoral and boundary reform experience in Scotland

(12.45–13.45)

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Professor Ailsa Henderson, Chair, Boundaries Scotland

Malcolm Burr, Convener, Electoral Management Board for Scotland

Supporting documents

Paper 4 Written evidence: Boundaries Scotland

Paper 5 Written evidence: Electoral Management Board for Scotland

Break (13.45 – 14.00)

5 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with the Welsh Language Commissioner

(14.00–14.30)

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Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner

Lowri Williams, Strategic Director, Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner

Supporting documents

Paper 6 Written evidence: Welsh Language Commissioner

Research Brief

6 Papers to Note

(14.30)

6.1 Response from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the anticipated gender quotas Bill – 20 October 2023

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6.2 Letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the anticipated gender quotas Bill – 25 October 2023

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6.3 Response from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership regarding the anticipated gender quotas Bill – 1 November 2023

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6.4 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 31 October 2023

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6.5 Response from the former Chair of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform – 2 November 2023

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7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

(14.30)

8 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Consideration of evidence

(14.30–14.45)