

Concise Minutes – Reform Bill Committee

Meeting Venue:

[INSERT LOCATION]

Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 December
2023

Meeting time: 09.35 – 12.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	David Rees MS (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Darren Millar MS Sarah Murphy MS Jane Dodds MS
Witnesses:	Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution Will Whiteley, Deputy Director, Senedd Reform, Welsh Government Anna Hind, Senior Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government Tom Jackson, Bill Manager, Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Catherine Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Josh Hayman (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest.

The Chair welcomed Jane Dodds MS, who was attending in accordance with Standing Order 17.49.

2 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Ministerial evidence session

The Committee received evidence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution.

3 Papers to Note

3.1 Letter to the Standards Commissioner regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 24 November 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Response from the Standards Commissioner regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections Bill) – 4 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Response from the First Minister regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 29 November 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.4 Response from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 1 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.5 Response from the Llywydd regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 1 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.6 Letter to the Senedd Commission regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill and constituency office provision – 1 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3.7 Additional information provided by the Electoral Commission following the evidence session on 22 November 2023

The Committee noted the information.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting, and from the meeting on 10 January 2024

The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: consideration of evidence and discussion of key issues

The Committee considered key issues arising from the evidence received.