

Concise Minutes – Reform Bill Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 10 January
2024

Meeting time: 09.18 – 12.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	David Rees MS (Chair) Darren Millar MS Sarah Murphy MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Jane Dodds MS
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Catherine Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Josh Hayman (Researcher) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

Heledd Fychan MS sent her apologies. Llyr Gruffydd MS attended as her substitute. Llyr Gruffydd MS declared that he had been a Designated Member for the purposes of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru for the period in May and June 2023 when he had been Interim Leader of Plaid Cymru, but that



he had not taken part in any Co-operation Agreement policy discussions about Senedd reform during that period.

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

2 Papers to Note

2.1 Response from the Senedd Commission regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill and constituency office provision – 14 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

2.2 Additional information provided by Professor Laura McAllister and Dr Vale Gomes following the evidence session on 26 October 2023

The Committee noted the information.

2.6 Response from the former Chair of the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform regarding the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 19 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

2.4 Additional information provided by Boundaries Scotland following the evidence session on 9 November 2023

The Committee noted the information.

2.5 Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding a joint schedule of amendments for the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill and the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – 11 December 2023

The Committee noted the letter.

3 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: draft report

The Committee agreed its draft report subject to minor amendments to be agreed by email.

The Committee agreed publication arrangements for its report.