

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 15 April 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 14.20

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Alun Davies MS Samuel Kurtz MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)

### 1 Motion to elect a temporary Chair under Standing Order 17.22 for the Committee meeting

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 this Committee meeting.

## **2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

Huw Irranca-Davies and Adam Price sent their apologies. The Committee welcomed Carolyn Thomas as a substitute for Huw Irranca-Davies.

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

### **3.1 SL(6)466 – The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

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

### **3.2 SL(6)470 – The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

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

### **3.3 SL(6)473 – The Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point 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)461 – The Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitory Provision) (Amendment) Order 2024**

The Committee noted the response from the Welsh Government.

## **5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement**

### **5.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Inter–Ministerial Groups**

The Committee noted correspondence received in relation to a meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee.

### **5.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions etc.) Regulations 2024**

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

### **5.3 Written Statement by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, and the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: Devolution of policing**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, and the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip.

### **6.2 Correspondence with the Business Committee: The Committee’s Report on the Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Business Committee.

### **6.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: The Welsh Government’s response to the Committee’s Report on the**

## **Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning.

### **6.4 Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations to the Chair of the House of Lords Constitution Committee: Scrutiny of Common Frameworks**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations to the Chair of the House of Lords Constitution Committee.

### **6.5 Correspondence from the Finance Committee: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–2025**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Finance Committee and agreed to consider a draft response at a future meeting.

### **6.6 Correspondence from the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee to the Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee: UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee to the Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee.

### **6.7 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Amendments to UK Government legislation to support the establishment of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

## **6.8 Correspondence related to the cancellation of the fifth meeting of the UK–EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Scottish Parliament, and this Committee, to the Co–Chairs of the UK–EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.

## **6.9 Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning.

## **6.10 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office: The Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office.

## **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 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Automated Vehicles Bill**

The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and agreed to consider a draft report at its next meeting.

## **9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill**

The Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

## **10 House of Lords Constitution Committee Inquiry: The Governance of the Union: Consultation, Co-operation and Legislative Consent – Consideration of draft submission**

The Committee agreed to defer the item to its next meeting.

## **11 Forward Work Planning**

The Committee discussed forward work planning and agreed to consider a Forward Work Programme at a future meeting.