

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 3 June 2024

Meeting time: 13.31 – 14.38

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## Remote

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Samuel Kurtz MS Adam Price MS Luke Fletcher MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)

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

There were no apologies or substitutions.



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

### **2.1 SL(6)485 – The Education (Arrangements for Assessing Reading and Numeracy in the Curriculum for Wales) 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 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**

### **3.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Inter-Ministerial Group meetings**

The Committee noted correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice in relation to a cancellation of the Safety, Security and Migration Interministerial Group, and correspondence from Counsel General regarding the Inter-Ministerial Group for Elections and Registration.

### **3.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **3.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **3.4 Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Ivory Act (Meaning of "Ivory" and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **3.5 Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office: The Procurement Act 2023 Commencement No. 3, Transitional and Saving Provisions Regulations 2024**

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

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Correspondence from the Finance Committee: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Finance Committee. The Chair, as a Member of Finance Committee, agreed to contribute to stakeholder engagement on the Draft Budget on behalf of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

### **4.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language: Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language.

### **4.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: Infrastructure (Wales) Bill**

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

### **4.4 Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care.

#### **4.5 Correspondence with the Business Committee: Review of Standing Order 29**

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Business Committee.

#### **4.6 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Policy Framework for Radioactive Substances and Decommissioning**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

#### **4.7 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (Public Bodies) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice.

#### **4.8 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.

#### **4.9 Correspondence with the Counsel General: Subordinate legislation laid in English only**

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Counsel General.

#### **4.10 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Publication of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme Scope Expansion: Waste and Integrating Greenhouse Gas Removals Consultations**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

#### **4.11 Correspondence between the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs:**

## **Assessment of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 on environmental law in Wales**

The Committee noted the correspondence between the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **4.12 Correspondence from the Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Finance Committee: Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Finance Committee.

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

The motion was agreed.

### **6 Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum – The Energy Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024**

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

### **7 International Agreements: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report.

### **8 The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed the draft correspondence.

### **9 Proposals relating to supporting a healthier food environment in Wales: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed the draft correspondence.

## **10 Correcting draft affirmative Statutory Instruments: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed the draft correspondence.

## **11 The legislative consent process: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed the draft correspondence.

## **12 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify Act) 2022: Draft correspondence**

The Committee agreed the draft correspondence.

## **13 Consideration of correspondence from the Business Committee: Committee remits**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Business Committee.

## **14 Update on UK Bills**

The Committee received an update on the progress of UK Bills due to the announcement of the upcoming General Election.

## **15 Forward Work Planning**

The Committee received an oral update on its forward work programme.

## **16 Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report subject to some minor changes.