Concise Minutes - Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid - Committee Room 3, Senedd and Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 4 November 2024

Meeting time: 11.00 - 15.56

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Alun Davies MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning Claire McDonald, Welsh Government Jennifer Pride, Welsh Government Scott Tyler, Welsh Government Julie James MS, Counsel General Designate and Minister for Delivery Dylan Hughes, Welsh Government Claire Fife, Welsh Government Luke Fletcher MS

	Carolyn Thomas MS
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Adam Price MS for items 2 to 6 on the agenda.

The Committee welcomed Carolyn Thomas MS who attended as a guest for items 2 to 6 on the agenda, representing the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

The Committee also welcomed Luke Fletcher MS who attended as a guest for items 2 to 6, representing the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

2 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill.

3 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: Items 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15

The motion was agreed.

5 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

7 Evidence session with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

The Committee received evidence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery in relation to the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

8 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

8.1 SL(6)537 – The Special Procedure Licences (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified. The Committee also agreed to write to the First Minister.

8.2 SL(6)540 – The Land Transaction Tax (Relief for Special Tax Sites) (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.

9 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 – previously considered

9.1 SL(6)535 – The Local Government Finance (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (Secondary Legislation) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the response to the report, and agreed to write back to the Welsh Government.

9.2 SL(6)536 – The Education (Amendments Relating to the Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response to the report.

9.3 SL(6)516 – The Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas (Procedure and Interest Rate) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership.

10 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

10.1 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, and agreed to write to the Deputy First Minister.

10.2 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024

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

10.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Transitory Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

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

10.4 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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

11 Papers to note

11.1 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Independent Commission and Review of the Water Sector

The Committee noted the Written Statement from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and agreed to write to the Deputy First Minister.

11.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership to the Llywydd: Employment Rights Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership to the Llywydd.

11.3 Correspondence from the Local Government and Housing Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters' Rights Bill

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

11.4 Correspondence from the Minister for Children and Social Care: The Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Children and Social Care in response to the Committee’s report on the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill.

11.5 Correspondence from the First Minister: Invitation to give evidence

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister, and agreed to write back in response.

11.6 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: UK Government Amendment to the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, and agreed to write back in response.

12 Evidence session with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery and agreed to write to seek further information.

13 Annual report 2023/24: Draft report

The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to consider a revised version at a future meeting.

14 Update in relation to HM Prison Parc

The Committee received an update in relation to HM Prison Parc.

15 Correspondence to the UK Government: Update

The Committee received an update in relation to its correspondence to the UK Government.