

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: 13 January 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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Private pre-meeting

(13.00–13.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13.30)

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Budget 2025–2026

(13.30–15.00)

(Pages 1 – 87)

Jane Hutt, MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

Amelia John, Director, Communities & Social Justice

Claire Germain, Deputy Director, Tackling Poverty & Supporting Families

Lorna Hall, Deputy Director, Equality & Human Rights, Welsh Government

Andrew Charles, Deputy Director, Cohesive Communities, Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

(15.00)

3.1 Correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Disability Employment Gap

(Pages 88 – 96)

3.2 Correspondence from the Chair of the Senedd's Cross Party Group on Human Rights to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding advancing Human Rights in Wales

(Pages 97 – 98)



- 3.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair regarding Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**
(Pages 99 – 101)
- 3.4 Correspondence from British Gas to the Equality and Social Justice Committee regarding further information concerning the follow- up inquiry into Fuel Poverty in Wales**
(Pages 102 – 106)
- 3.5 Correspondence from Tenovus Cancer Care to the Chair regarding the increase in employer National Insurance Contributions**
(Pages 107 – 108)
- 3.6 Correspondence between the Chair and the Ministry of Justice regarding speech, language and communication needs of young people**
(Pages 109 – 111)
- 3.7 Correspondence to the Chair from the Llywydd regarding the Chair's Forum decision on inter-parliamentary bodies**
(Pages 112 – 113)
- 3.8 Correspondence to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**
(Pages 114 – 115)
- 3.9 Correspondence to the Chair from Cardiff County Council regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Disability Employment Gap**
(Pages 116 – 119)
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(iv) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**
(15.00)

Private meeting (15.00–15.30)

**5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Budget 2025–2026:
consideration of evidence (15.00 –15.30)**