

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 27 January 2025

Meeting time: 13.00 – 15.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Claire Thomas (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

No apologies or declarations of interest were received.



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2 Fuel poverty and the Warm Homes Programme: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretaries

Members heard evidence from:

Jane Hutt – Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip, Welsh Government

Jayne Bryant – Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, Welsh Government

Christine Grimshaw – Head of Public Sector Decarbonisation, Innovation and Fuel Poverty, Welsh Government

Carol Driver – Head of Domestic Energy Efficiency & Fuel Poverty, Welsh Government

Claire Germain – Deputy Director, Tackling Poverty & Supporting Families, Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Legislation, Justice and the Constitution Committee regarding the Inter-Institutional Agreement and forthcoming intergovernmental meetings**
- 3.2 Correspondence from Jane Dodds MS to the Chair regarding scrutiny of the Welsh Government Budget 2025–2026**
- 3.3 Correspondence from the Chair to the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding Budget Scrutiny on Welsh Benefits Supporting Children**
- 3.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Chair providing an update on progress regarding VAWDASV National Strategy 2022–2026**
- 3.5 Correspondence from the Llywydd to the Chair regarding the Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes**
- 4 Fuel poverty and the Warm Homes Programme: consideration of evidence**

Members considered the evidence.

5 Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2025–26: consideration of draft report

Members considered the draft report and concluded to agree the final version outside of Committee.