

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 2, Senedd  
and Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 6 January 2025

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.45

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Ruth Fox, Hansard Society Adam Tucker, University of Liverpool
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 Natasha Asghar MS.



## **2 Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Evidence session on procedural arrangements for subordinate legislation**

The Committee received evidence from Dr Ruth Fox of the Hansard Society and Dr Adam Tucker of the University of Liverpool, in relation to the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

## **3 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3**

### **3.1 SL(6)558 – The Representation of the People (Electoral Registration without Applications) (Pilot Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

### **4.1 SL(6)554 – The Feed Additives (Authorisations) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes (Amendment of Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/354) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

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

### **4.2 SL(6)555 – The Historic Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

### **4.3 SL(6)556 – The Developments of National Significance (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

#### **4.4 SL(6)557 – The Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

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

#### **4.5 SL(6)564 – The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Amendment) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

#### **4.6 SL(6)565 – The Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts and Special Health Authorities (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point identified.

#### **4.7 SL(6)559 – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025**

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

#### **4.8 SL(6)562 – The Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Special Tax Sites Relief) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

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

#### **4.9 SL(6)563 – The Land Transaction Tax (Tax Bands and Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

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

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

### **5.1 SL(6)550 – The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Wales) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **5.2 SL(6)551 – The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

## **6 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement**

### **6.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Inter–Ministerial Group meetings**

The Committee noted the letter and Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Economy and Planning in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group on UK–EU relations.

### **6.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

### **6.3 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

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

## **7 Papers to note**

### **7.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: The Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill**

The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales.

### **7.2 Correspondence to HM Prison Parc**

The Committee formally noted the letter it had sent to HM Prison Parc.

### **7.3 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government's Principles on UK Legislation in devolved areas**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

### **7.4 Correspondence from 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 Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

### **7.5 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) Authority consultation**

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

### **7.6 Correspondence from the Minister for Children and Social Care to the Health and Social Care Committee: Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Children and Social Care to the Health and Social Care Committee.

## **7.7 Written Statement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education: Government of Wales Act 2006 (Devolved Welsh Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2024**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education.

## **7.8 Correspondence from the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Ministry of Justice and the Welsh Government: Invitation for joint-ministerial general scrutiny session on criminal justice**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Ministry of Justice and the Welsh Government.

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

The motion was agreed.

## **9 Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence received from Dr Ruth Fox and Dr Adam Tucker.

## **10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters' Rights Bill: Consideration of draft report**

The Committee considered its draft report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters' Rights Bill and agreed to consider a further draft at a future meeting.

## **11 International Agreements**

The Committee received a briefing on a number of International Agreements, agreed actions on two of the Agreements, and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

The Committee noted the UK–European Forest Institute Host Country Agreement, and the correspondence between the Welsh Government and the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

The Committee noted the Protocol to the Interbus Agreement concerning the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus, and the Committee agreed to notify the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee of the Agreement and its implementing legislation.

The Committee noted amendments to the Agreement establishing the African Development Fund, and agreed to notify the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Agreement.

The following Agreements were also noted by the Committee:

- The UK–Mauritius Agreement concerning the Chagos Archipelago;
- Four individual termination Agreements between the UK and the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia on Promotion and Protection of Investments; and
- Air Services Agreements (between the UK and Thailand, the UK and Brazil, the UK and Mongolia, the UK and Moldova, and the UK and Tajikistan).

## **12 Written Statement by the UK Government: The Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the UK Government in relation to The Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, and agreed to provide a response to the review.