

Agenda – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: 3 February 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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Hybrid

Public meeting

(13.30 – 14.40)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13.30)

2 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access)

**Bill: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy,
Energy and Planning**

(13.30 – 14.15)

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Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Liz Winwood, Head of Digital Regulation, Welsh Government

Glyn Jones, Chief Digital Officer, Welsh Government

Scott Tyler, Head of UK Legislation Programme, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 1 – Briefing paper

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 2 – Legal Advice Note

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 3 – Research Service Briefing

Break

(14.15 – 14.20)



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

(14.20 – 14.25)

Affirmative Resolution Instruments

3.1 SL(6)573 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 4 – Draft report

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

(14.25 – 14.30)

Made Negative Resolution Instruments

4.1 SL(6)466 – The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education, 29 January 2025

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 6 – Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, 16 January 2025

4.2 SL(6)507 – The Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord’s Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales) Regulations 2024

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 7 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 30 January 2025

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 8 – Letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 16 January 2025

4.3 SL(6)568 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 9 – Report

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 10 – Welsh Government response

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4.4 SL(6)567 – The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 11 – Report

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 12 – Welsh Government response

4.5 SL(6)571 – The Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 13 – Report

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 14 – Welsh Government response

5 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

(14.30 – 14.35)

5.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of Inter-ministerial groups

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 15 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and

Welsh Language: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee, 27 January 2025

5.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government and Welsh Government

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 16 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 29 January 2025

5.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 17 – Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 30 January 2025

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 18 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 30 January 2025

6 Papers to note

(14.35 – 14.40)

6.1 Correspondence from the Business Committee: Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 19 – Letter from the Business Committee, 21 January 2025

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

(14.40)

Private meeting

(14.40 – 16.15)

8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access)

Bill: Consideration of evidence

(14.40 – 14.55)

9 Trade and Cooperation Agreement implementation review:

Consideration of consultation responses

(14.55 – 15.25)

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10 Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Draft report

(15.25 – 15.40)

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 20 – Draft report

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 21 – Legal Advice Note

11 Legislative Consent: Briefing for Members

(15.40 – 15.50)

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 22 – Briefing paper

12 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Great British Energy Bill: Draft report

(15.50 – 16.10)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 23 – Legal Advice Note

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 24 – Draft report

13 Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Mental Health Bill: Draft correspondence

(16.10 – 16.15)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-05-25 – Paper 25 – Draft letter

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SL(6)573 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Background and Purpose

These Regulations set the non-domestic rating (“NDR”) multiplier for Wales for the financial year 2025-26. They reflect the decision announced on 10 December 2024 to increase the multiplier by 1%, rather than using growth in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) of 1.7%. As a result, the Explanatory Memorandum states that this *“results in a lower increase in ratepayers NDR bills for 2025-26 than the 1.7% that would otherwise occur.”*

Schedule 7 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”) prescribes the default approach to annual increases in the multiplier, taking account of CPI. The multiplier is applied to the rateable value of each non-domestic property to calculate its NDR bill. Under Schedule 7 to the 1988 Act, the Welsh Ministers have the power via regulations to either use a different index from CPI, or to set alternative figures.

Procedure

Draft Affirmative.

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Regulations before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot make the Regulations unless the Senedd approves the draft Regulations.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

The following 5 points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

In relation to the default increase in the NDR multiplier in the absence of these Regulations, the Explanatory Note states that *“the default increase would be 6.7% in line with the change in the consumer prices index.”* However, the Explanatory Memorandum explains that the default increase would be 1.7% for the financial year 2025-26, rather than 6.7%. The figure of 6.7% appears to have been carried over from the Explanatory Note to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Regulations 2024 in error, for which the default increase of 6.7% was correct at that time.



Whilst we acknowledge that the Explanatory Note does not form part of the Regulations, the explanation provided has the potential to cause confusion as to the reasons for seeking to make these Regulations, and the difference between the default increase to the multiplier and the increase prescribed by these Regulations.

2. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

It is noted that the enabling power in paragraph 5(13A) of Schedule 7 to the 1988 Act will be repealed and re-enacted in paragraph A18 of Part A2 of that Schedule, on 1 April 2025, following the coming into force of provisions in the Local Government Finance (Wales) Act 2024.

The Explanatory Memorandum explains as follows:

“Section 35(3) of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 provides that where subordinate legislation made under a repealed provision could have been made under a re-enacted provision, that legislation will have effect as if made under the re-enacted provision. Given the substance of the 2025 Regulations would be the same if made under the re-enacted provision in paragraph A18 of Part A2 of Schedule 7, the 2025 Regulations will be treated as having been made under that power from 1 April 2025, notwithstanding the repeal of the current enabling power in paragraph 5(13A) of Schedule 7.”

3. Standing Order 21.3(i) – that it imposes a charge on the Welsh Consolidated Fund or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to that Fund or any part of the government or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payment

The Explanatory Memorandum states that:

“13. All the non-domestic rates collected in Wales are pooled centrally and distributed to local authorities and to police and crime commissioners as part of the annual local government settlements. The total amount to be distributed in this way is known as the “Distributable Amount”. It is calculated by applying the multiplier to the estimated national total of rateable value, taking account of any surplus or deficit carried forward from previous years.

14. The Distributable Amount is a key component of the annual local government revenue settlements and the 1988 Act requires that it is approved by the Senedd as part of the annual Local Government Finance Reports. The multiplier, therefore, needs to be determined before the annual settlements can be finalised.”

4. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd



We note the importance of these Regulations and their effect on the annual local government revenue settlements. We note the decision by the Welsh Government to limit the increase in the multiplier to 1% for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2025, rather than increasing the multiplier by reference to the CPI (which would occur without legislation).

In particular, we note the following paragraphs in the Explanatory Memorandum:

“12. All owners or occupiers of non-domestic properties who pay rates will benefit from the change. Even properties which receive significant amounts of rates relief will benefit, as the residual liability will be calculated using a lower multiplier.”

...

“15. Limiting the increase in the multiplier will reduce the income into the non-domestic rates pool in 2025-26. The reduction will be fully funded by the Welsh Government and will be reflected in the calculations for the local government settlements, so that there is no financial impact on local authorities or police budgets.”

5. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

We note that there has been no consultation in relation to these Regulations. The Explanatory Memorandum states that:

“16. No consultation has been undertaken on the policy behind the 2025 Regulations. The proposals benefit all ratepayers in Wales and there is no impact on the resources available to local authorities and police services.”

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is required in relation to the first reporting point only.

Legal Advisers

Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

28 January 2025



Agenda Item 4.1

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg
Cabinet Secretary for Education



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29 January 2025

Dear Mike,

The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003

Thank you for your letter of 16 January regarding the above Regulations and the inconsistency you noted between the English and Welsh texts in the Schedule during your scrutiny of the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

We have been considering how best to take forward the amendment to the Regulations needed to address this inconsistency. We are currently developing proposals to introduce a periodic amending SI to deal with matters such as this, and intend to include this point in that instrument. It is anticipated that it will be made sometime before the summer recess, barring any unforeseen circumstances

I can give you my assurance that I am committed to resolving this issue, and to doing so through the most appropriate legislative route within this Senedd term.

I am grateful to you and the Committee for identifying this error

Yours sincerely

Lynne Neagle AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Lynne Neagle MS
Cabinet Secretary for Education

16 January 2025

Dear Lynne

The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The Committee has been monitoring when and how the Welsh Government corrects errors in Welsh statutory instruments that have been identified by the Committee in its reports to the Senedd.

At our meeting on 13 January 2025, we discussed the statutory instruments considered by the Committee during 2024 where the Welsh Government has indicated that it will bring forward an amending instrument to rectify errors the Committee has identified. The Committee agreed that it will write to the relevant Welsh Ministers in relation to instruments where it would appear that amending instruments are overdue.

In April 2024, the Committee considered the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. The third technical point in our report highlighted an inconsistency between the English and Welsh texts which reflected a historical issue in the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003.

Responding to the Committee's report, the Welsh Government said:

"The Welsh Government acknowledges that there is an error in the Welsh text of the Schedule to the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003 ("the Maintained School Regulations"). The reporting point does not relate to an error in the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 ("the 2024 PRU Regulations") but to an error in the Maintained School Regulations. The purpose and effect of the 2024 PRU Regulations is to change the law in relation to PRUs. We

will make the necessary amendment to the Maintained Schools Regulations to correct the error the next time those Regulations are amended, which is anticipated to be later this year."

We would be grateful to receive an update and confirmation as to when you will make the necessary amendment to the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003.

We would be grateful to receive a response by 30 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges
Chair

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS
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30 January 2025

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 16 January requesting an update on the amending instrument to correct errors in the Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales) Regulations 2024.

I am pleased to confirm the amending instrument has been drafted and is undergoing final legal checks. We anticipate that it will be made within the next month, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Yours sincerely,



Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change &

Rural Affairs

16 January 2025

Dear Huw

**The Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales)
Regulations 2024**

The Committee has been monitoring when and how the Welsh Government corrects errors in Welsh statutory instruments that have been identified by the Committee in its reports to the Senedd.

At our meeting on 13 January 2025, we discussed the statutory instruments considered by the Committee during 2024 where the Welsh Government has indicated that it will bring forward an amending instrument to rectify errors the Committee has identified. The Committee agreed that it will write to the relevant Welsh Ministers in relation to instruments where it would appear that amending instruments are overdue.

In September 2024, the Committee considered the Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales) Regulations 2024. The sixth technical point in the Committee's report highlighted that, in regulation 3(8), there was a difference in the period of time given to the tenant to refer the request to arbitration or third party determination when compared with the corresponding provision in regulation 3(9) of the Agricultural Holdings (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms and the Suitability Test) (Wales) Regulations 2024.

Responding to the sixth technical reporting point, the Welsh Government said:

"The Welsh Government notes the point and will amend these Regulations to achieve a consistent reference to a "period of 4 months". This will be addressed by amending regulations which we aim to introduce before the end of 2024."

In addition, and given the commitment to address the matter the Committee highlighted in reporting point 6, the Welsh Government response also indicated that the same amending instrument would be used to address the matters the Committee raised in reporting points 3, 5, and 7.

We would be grateful to receive an update and confirmation as to when you will bring forward the amending regulations.

We would be grateful to receive a response by 30 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges

Chair

Agenda Item 4.3

SL(6)568 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Background and Purpose

These Regulations, which are in eight Parts, amend various Regulations which make provision about, and in connection with, student finance.

Part 1 makes provision about the coming into force and application of these Regulations.

Parts 2 to 8 make amendments to the following Regulations—

- (a) Part 2 amends the Education (Fees and Awards) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”),
- (b) Part 3 amends the Education (European University Institute) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (“the 2014 Regulations”),
- (c) Part 4 amends the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”),
- (d) Part 5 amends the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”),
- (e) Part 6 amends the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the 2018 Regulations”),
- (f) Part 7 amends the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations”), and
- (g) Part 8 amends the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master’s Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019 (“the 2019 Regulations”).

Amendments made by these Regulations—

- (a) update the definition of a “protected Ukrainian national” in the 2007 Regulations, the 2014 Regulations, the 2015 Regulations, the 2017 Regulations, the 2018 Regulations, the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations to include persons who are granted leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the new Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme, so that such persons are eligible for home fee status, the fee limits and student support,



- (b) provide for certain categories of students in the 2007 Regulations, the 2015 Regulations, the 2017 Regulations, the 2018 Regulations, the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, which require a student to be settled in the United Kingdom, to become eligible for home fee status, the fee limits and student support when they acquire their settled status during an academic year,
- (c) update the categories of students in the 2007 Regulations, the 2015 Regulations, the 2018 Regulations, the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, relating to persons settled in the United Kingdom from the British overseas territories, to provide for British citizens of Chagossian descent to satisfy the ordinary residence requirements under those categories, so that such persons are eligible for home fee status, the fee limits and student support,
- (d) provide for students undertaking a sandwich year to qualify for a disabled student's grant under the 2018 Regulations, so far as it relates to the provision of technical support, repairs or replacement in respect of equipment previously provided or approved for them under such a grant,
- (e) provide for students who are care leavers to qualify for the lower deduction available when calculating the amount of grant for travel payable to them under the 2018 Regulations,
- (f) omit references to domicile in provisions relating to the calculation or treatment of income under the 2014 Regulations, the 2017 Regulations, the 2018 Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, which will become redundant as a result of changes to the taxation of non-UK domiciled individuals from 6 April 2025,
- (g) make corrections to the 2017 Regulations and the 2018 Regulations, in connection with amendments made to each of those Regulations by the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2023, to clarify the extent of a particular period of time and to replace an erroneous term in the Welsh language text respectively, and
- (h) omit redundant provisions relating to the KESS 2 Scheme in the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, which are redundant as a result of the closure of that scheme.

Procedure

Negative

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd. The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the



Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) - that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.

We note that these Regulations make technical corrections in response to the Committee's report on the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2023. In particular, we note the following paragraph in the Explanatory Memorandum:

"The 2025 Regulations make technical corrections to the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 and the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018, in connection with amendments made to each of those Regulations by the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2023 which the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee reported upon ([SL\(6\)431](#) refers)."

The Committee's report on the [SL\(6\)510 - The Education \(Student Finance\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2024](#) raised similar issues arising from the historical error.

Could the Welsh Government confirm if the issues from the 2024 Regulations are being addressed in these Regulations? If corrections are being made, why are they not referenced in the Explanatory Memorandum? If no corrections are being made from the 2024 Regulations, could the reasons be provided?

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 27 January 2025 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.



Government Response: *The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025*

Merit Scrutiny point 1:

We note the Committee's report on the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024. The issues arising from the 2024 Regulations have not been addressed in these Regulations as, at the point of receiving the Committee's report on the 2024 Regulations, there was insufficient time in which to include the necessary corrections without missing the coming into force date of these Regulations. The necessary corrections relating to the 2024 Regulations will be included in the next appropriate instrument, which is scheduled to be made in February 2025.

Agenda Item 4.4

SL(6)567 – The Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Background and Purpose

These Regulations change the way that health services, provided as part of the NHS in Wales, are procured.

The Regulations replace the existing public procurement regime provided by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015). The Regulations also respond to wider changes in the public procurement legal landscape in the United Kingdom, which has seen a number of changes since the United Kingdom left the European Union.

Key developments have included the Procurement Act 2023, which reforms the way in which public bodies procure goods and services and repeals the PCR 2015. Changes to the way health care services are procured in England have also occurred with the introduction of the Provider Selection Regime by the UK Government.

In light of these changes, the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Act 2024 provides the Welsh Ministers with powers to implement changes to health service procurement in Wales.

The Regulations provide for the introduction of a bespoke procurement regime, to be known as the 'Provider Selection Regime Wales' or 'PSR Wales', for the procurement of health services provided as part of the NHS in Wales. The Regulations broadly seek to restore the 'level playing field' for health service procurement across England and Wales, providing a new regime governing the procurement of these services in Wales.

The Regulations apply to the procurement of health services by relevant authorities in Wales, i.e.

- a county council or county borough council;
- a local health board;
- a National Health Service trust;
- a special health authority.

Schedule 1 to the Regulations sets out the relevant health services, by reference to Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) codes. Schedule 1 includes, for example:

- Surgical hospital services
- Rehabilitation hospital services
- Outpatient care services
- Cardiology services
- Services provided by nurses
- Physiotherapy services
- Ambulance services
- Residential nursing care services
- Optician services



Procedure

Draft Affirmative

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Regulations before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot make the Regulations unless the Senedd approves the draft Regulations.

Technical Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.2(i) – that there appears to be doubt as to whether it is intra vires

Regulation 5(c) says that when procuring relevant health services, a relevant authority must act having regard to the Wales procurement policy statement published under section 14 of the Procurement Act 2023.

We make the following points:

- (a) The reference to the policy statement in regulation 5(c) does not appear to be a reference to a specific, existing policy statement. The reference appears to include future statements published under section 14.
- (b) Policy statements published under section 14 could change the effect of the Regulations. When procuring relevant health services (i.e. when implementing the Regulations), relevant authorities will not be able to ignore the policy statements – relevant authorities will have to consider the statements carefully and follow them unless there is a good reason not to. Therefore, the policy statements may have an effect on the Regulations.
- (c) There is a long-standing presumption against sub-delegation.
- (d) We are concerned that regulation 5(c) amounts to unauthorised sub-delegation because it could allow the Welsh Ministers to change the effect of the Regulations via policy statements.
- (e) The enabling powers are powers to make provision by Regulations, not by policy statements.
- (f) If anything is intended to change the effect of the Regulations, it must be set out clearly and precisely in the Regulations themselves. This ensures that the appropriate parliamentary procedure applies to anything that changes the effect of the Regulations.



(g) We agree with the following passage from Craies on Legislation (12th edition):

3.5.4 As well as making no difference for purposes of lawfulness on whom a power to delegate is conferred, it also makes no difference how it is framed or described. A power to make regulations is obviously identifiable as a sub-delegation; but a power to do anything that determines the ultimate effect of the law concerned is equally, but less obviously, a sub-delegation, and its lawfulness or otherwise will depend on the extent of the enabling power.

We ask the Welsh Government whether regulation 5(c) has any effect on the Regulations?

If not, why is regulation 5(c) included in the Regulations?

If yes, does the Welsh Government consider that regulation 5(c) amounts to sub-delegation, and if so, which power is the Welsh Government relying on to make that sub-delegation?

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is required to the reporting point.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 20 January 2025 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.



Government Response: Health Services (Provider Selection Regime) (Wales) Regulations 2025 ('the Regulations')

Technical Scrutiny point 1: The Government notes the reporting point in relation to regulation 5(c) of the Regulations and the Wales procurement policy statement (WPPS).

Regulation 5 sets out the 'Procurement Principles' that relevant authorities must observe when undertaking a procurement. The provisions in 5(a) and (b) are intended to be consistent with the approach set out in the UK Government's Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ('the Provider Selection Regime England').

Regulation 5(c) enhances the 'Procurement Principles' in the Regulations, over and above what has been included in the Provider Selection Regime England. It has been included partly in response to points raised by Members in relation to procurement principles during the scrutiny of the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Act 2024 ('the 2024 Act').

The WPPS sets out the Welsh Government's 'strategic priorities' for public sector procurement in Wales.

Regulation 5(c) is framed on the basis of a relevant authority, as defined under the 2024 Act, having regard to the WPPS published under s.14 of the Procurement Act 2023.

Regulation 5(c) requires that the WPPS must be given consideration when undertaking procurements under the Regulations; but a duty to 'have regard' does not impact on or override the purpose and effect of the Regulations. In every case the relevant authority will need to take a view on the relevance of the WPPS to the particular procurement being undertaken, and will have the choice as to whether, and to what extent they should follow the principles set out in the WPPS.

In respect of the Committee's point regarding the enabling powers, section 10A(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 provides expressly that "the Welsh Ministers may, by regulations, make provision in relation to the processes to be followed and objectives to be pursued by relevant authorities in the procurement". This indicates that it was intended that the regulations would include reference to broader strategic principles and objectives, as well as the detailed processes to be followed by relevant authorities when undertaking a procurement.

Therefore, the view of the Welsh Government is that regulation 5(c) is set out in a manner which requires the relevant authority to have regard to the WPPS when procuring health services and does no more than provide strategic context to a procurement. Having regard to the WPPS does not determine, nor override how the procurement processes in the Regulations operate. Therefore, it is not considered an ultra vires sub delegation.

Agenda Item 4.5

SL(6)571 – The Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Background and Purpose

These Regulations amend the Procurement Act 2023 (“the 2023 Act”) and the Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024 (“the 2024 Regulations”). The amendments deal with ensuring that updates can be made to the threshold figures that will apply to contracting authorities that are or are treated as devolved Welsh authorities; additions and amendments to the UK’s international obligations regarding procurement; and matters that were raised in a previous report of this Committee and subsequent correspondence relating to the 2024 Regulations.

Procedure

Affirmative

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Regulations before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot make the Regulations unless the Senedd approves the draft Regulations.

Technical Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.2(vi) – that its drafting appears to be defective or it fails to fulfil statutory requirements.

Regulation 6 inserts a new regulation 45A into the 2024 Regulations. The new regulation 45A includes references to “affiliated turnover amount”, “affiliated person” and “utility”. These terms are not defined in the new regulation 45A, nor are they defined in the 2024 Regulations (“utility” is defined in relation to Part 2 of the 2024 Regulations, but not for the purposes of Part 3 of which regulation 45A would be part). Footnotes to the new regulation 45A invite references to provisions of the 2023 Act for the meaning of these terms, but footnotes are not operative parts of legislation. It is therefore necessary to define these terms in the body of the new regulation 45A.

It should also be noted that the term “affiliated person” is used twice before reference is made to the footnote. Reference is also made to “persons affiliated” but it is not clear whether this is intended to have the same meaning as “affiliated person” (although it is noted that the definition used in the 2023 Act would cover both).

The Welsh Government is asked to explain why definitions for “affiliated turnover amount”, “affiliated person” and “utility” were not included in the new section 45A(5) or elsewhere in the Regulations if appropriate.



Merits Scrutiny

The following three points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

2. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.

Some of the amendments that the Regulations make to the 2024 Regulations address issues that were raised in this [Committee's previous report and subsequent correspondence](#). This includes updating terminology in Schedule 2 to the Regulations so that it now correctly refers to the Senedd Cymru Commission instead of the National Assembly for Wales Commission, and to other public bodies by their current titles.

The Committee notes that the [letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office to the Chair of the Committee dated 2 September 2024](#) cited concerns about the impact of changing the names of these bodies on compatibility with international obligations. It was noted that the Welsh Government intended to return to looking at the international obligations-related implications of updating the names of Schedule 2 authorities at a later date. The Committee would be grateful if the Welsh Government could provide an update regarding how and why it determined that it is now appropriate to make these name changes.

3. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.

The Regulations amend changes to the 2023 Act that are to be made by the Procurement Act 2023 (Consequential and Other Amendments) Regulations 2025 ("the UK Regulations"), which are currently in draft form before the UK Parliament and are not yet law. The provisions of the draft UK Regulations to which these Regulations relate are due to come into force on 23 February 2025, one day before these Regulations.

4. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.

A public consultation exercise was not carried out in relations to these Regulations. The Explanatory Memorandum states:

Formal public consultations were held on the UK Government's Draft Statutory Instruments (SIs) with bilingual supporting documentation explaining the proposed derogations / differences for Wales. Many of the elements included in the consultations are being taken forward in these Regulations and the information gathered therefore applies. A separate consultation exercise was therefore not held.



Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is required in relation to the technical reporting point and the first merit point only.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 27 January 2025 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting points above.



Senedd Cymru

Pwyllgor Deddfwriaeth, Cyfiawnder a'r Cyfansoddiad

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Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Government Response: *The Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025*

Technical Scrutiny point 1: The Welsh Government notes the reporting point but does not fully agree with it.

In respect of the comments in relation to the definitions of “affiliated turnover amount” and “affiliated person”, regulation 45A is enacted pursuant to the power in paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 2 to the Procurement Act 2023 (“the 2023 Act”).

The scope of the power in paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 2 is, and can only be, to “make provision about how to calculate a person's affiliated turnover amount and total turnover amount for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)”, therefore for the terms “affiliated turnover amount” and “affiliated person” to bear a meaning other than that in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 would raise a potential matter of vires.

The words “For the purposes of” in r.45A(1) confirm this obvious dependence and make it clear to the reader that the terms attract the meaning contained in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2.

Further, we note and agree with paragraph 4.2 of Writing Laws for Wales that: “A definition should not be included unless it will aid clarity or certainty..... if it is obvious from the context what the term is referring to, there should be no need for a definition”.

We therefore do not intend to add definitions of “affiliated turnover amount” and “affiliated person” to regulation 45A.

On the definition of “utility” we agree that for absolute clarity and as the definition exists it should move from regulation 4 to regulation 2 of The Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024. We anticipate that additional regulations will be needed to finalise implementation of the 2023 Act. We will include this change in those Regulations. All being well, this will be taken forward by late spring, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

We do not believe that in the meantime this presents an issue as to legal certainty because of the context in which “utility” is used in regulation 45A. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 is entirely premised on the basis that it applies to utilities contracts– “A utilities contract awarded for the supply of goods, services or works”, therefore we are content the provision will operate as intended until such time as we are able to amend the definition of “utility”.

Merit Scrutiny point 2: The Government notes the scrutiny point and as mentioned in the letter of 2 September 2024 from the then Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office, Welsh Ministers have a power under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 1 to the 2023 Act to update the names of central government authorities as specified.

In exercising this power, we considered potential implications on the Welsh Government's international obligations derived from the trade agreements listed in Schedule 9 to the 2023 Act. It was determined that the concerns, as outlined in the letter of 2 September 2024, of updating the names in Schedule 2 to The Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024 to correctly refer to the Senedd Cymru Commission instead of the National Assembly for Wales Commission, and to other public bodies by their current titles, were minimal. Indeed, updating the names ensures that suppliers and buyers can readily identify the relevant organisations, avoiding confusion caused by outdated references. This approach also addresses concerns raised previously by the LJCC and ensures that the Regulations remain accurate and clear.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid a'r Gymraeg
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

Agenda Item 5.1

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Mike Hedges MS
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru

27 January 2025

Dear Mike,

A meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) will take place on 27 February in Cardiff, which I will chair.

There will be a focus on the economic and fiscal context, including our shared ambitions in respect of driving economic growth and a look ahead to the UK Government's Spring Statement on 26 March 2025.

We will discuss devolved government engagement in the second phase of the UK Spending Review, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer has confirmed will conclude on 11 June 2025. This will include areas of shared interest such as local growth funding (post EU Structural Funds). I will provide an update on the Welsh Government's Spending Review and our Draft Budget 2025-26. As part of this, there will be discussion about the impact of changes to National Insurance Contributions.

We will continue previous discussions on fiscal flexibilities. I will outline the importance of the Welsh Government having appropriate budgetary flexibilities, and we will discuss options to enable us to maximise our resources.

Following the meeting, I will meet separately with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to discuss Wales-specific issues, including rail funding and funding for coal tip safety.

I will write to the Committee after the F:ISC to update it on discussions.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Drakeford AS/MS
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Agenda Item 5.2

Rebecca Evans AS/MS
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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Mike Hedges MS
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru

29 January 2025

Dear Mike,

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I am writing to notify you that a Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government and Welsh Government was published on 8 January 2025. It can be found [here](#).

This Memorandum of Understanding summarises and formalises the overarching principles for and approach to the use of UK Government funding for Investment Zones agreed between the UK Government and the Welsh Government.

I have also copied this letter to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE	The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025
DATE	30 January 2025
BY	Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that I have given consent to the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets Department for Business and Trade to exercise a subordinate legislation-making power in devolved areas in relation to Wales.

Agreement was sought by the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets Department for Business and Trade to make a Statutory Instrument (SI) titled the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025.

The above titled Statutory Instrument (SI) was laid before the UK Parliament by the Minister of State for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business on 27 January in exercise of powers conferred by Section 19(1) of the Retained EU Law (REUL) (Revocation and Reform) Act.

The SI is aimed at ensuring legal clarity and accessibility by making consequential amendments to secondary legislation related to the “assimilation” of retained EU law at the end of 2023 under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023. The SI was laid before the UK Parliament 27 January with a commencement date of 27 February 2025

Impact the instrument may have on the Senedd’s legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers’ executive competence:

The Regulations do not diminish or undermine the powers of Welsh Ministers in any way, and they do not create, amend or remove any functions of Ministers. The Regulations do not amend instruments made under Acts of Senedd Cymru.

I would like to reassure the Senedd it is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence. However, in certain circumstances there are benefits in working collaboratively with the UK Government where there is a clear rationale for doing so. On this occasion, I have given my consent to these Regulations for reasons of accessibility, efficiency and cross-government coordination, and consistency.

The Regulations are available here: [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2025](#)

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30 January 2025

Dear Mike,

Further to my correspondence of 6 January, I am writing to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Minister of State for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business to the [Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2025](#) ("the Regulations") in relation to Wales.

I have laid a Written Statement which I have attached to this letter and can also be found at: <https://senedd.wales/media/kvfdqdpq/gen-ld16951-e.pdf>

I can confirm that no amendments are being made to Senedd legislation or to instruments made under Senedd legislation. All the changes apply to instruments made under UK Acts or to assimilated direct legislation.

The Statutory Instrument is subject to the negative procedure and was laid before Parliament on 27 January 2025 with a commencement date of 27 February.

Yours sincerely,

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Senedd Committees

21 January 2025

Dear Chair,

Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes

The Business Committee is reviewing the Senedd's processes relating to Public Bills and Member Bills. We would like to hear your views on what is working well and what could be improved.

Annexed to this letter are the terms of reference for our work and a list of the areas of focus for our initial evidence gathering we have identified to date. We would welcome your views on the matters within our terms of reference which are relevant to your work, including, but not necessarily limited to, the areas of focus. If there are other matters of relevance to our terms of reference that you would like to raise in your evidence, please do so.

We would be grateful if you could provide your written evidence **by Friday 28 March 2025**. You can either send your submission to SeneddBusiness@senedd.wales or respond to specific questions on each of the areas of focus set out in the [online form](#) available as part of our [open consultation](#).

To ensure that anyone who would like to share their views about the legislative processes is able to do so, we have also issued an [open consultation](#). We would be grateful if you could share the consultation with your stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS

Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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Annex: terms of reference and areas of focus for the initial evidence gathering phase

Public Bill process

Terms of reference

To explore options for improving the operation and effectiveness of the Senedd's scrutiny of Public Bills introduced in accordance with Standing Order 26, by reviewing experiences in the Sixth Senedd (and previous Seneddau where relevant), including:

- Relevant procedures, practices, conventions, culture and ways of working.
- The experience of legislating in a hybrid environment.

Areas of focus for the initial evidence gathering phase

- The overall effectiveness of the Senedd's consideration of Public Bills and opportunities for the public and stakeholders to contribute to the Senedd's scrutiny.
- The timetabling of Senedd scrutiny of Public Bills, including: the establishment of Bill timetables in accordance with SO26.7 (and the factors taken into account when timetables are established); and the timing of amendment tabling deadlines, the publication of Marshalled Lists/Groupings Lists and proceedings.
- The explanatory materials and information provided during the Public Bill scrutiny process, including: the requirements for Explanatory Memorandums specified in Standing Orders; the timing of written responses to Stage 1 committee reports; the provision and presentation of other information during scrutiny (such as Welsh Government-provided documents or Senedd Research publications); arrangements regarding explanatory text about the purpose and effect of amendments; and the availability, accessibility and clarity of the guidance available to Members and the public about the legislative process.
- How admissibility of amendments is assessed, and how amendments to Bills are debated and disposed of.
- How the Senedd is asked to agree to the financial consequences of Bills and amendments, including the movement of Financial Resolutions and whether it is sufficiently clear how 'significant' should be interpreted for the purposes of SO26.69-26.71.
- Whether the rules relating to the optional 'Further' amending stages are clear enough.

- The rules relating to emergency Bills.
- Whether the experience of legislating in a hybrid context, in which Members and others may participate virtually or in person, has had any impact on the Senedd's scrutiny of Public Bills.
- Any considerations for the Public Bill process arising from the increase from 60 to 96 Members in 2026 or the increase in the frequency of ordinary Senedd elections from every five years to every four years.

Member Bill process

Terms of reference

To explore options for improving the operation and effectiveness of the Senedd's Member Bill process, by:

- Reviewing experiences in the Sixth Senedd (and previous Seneddau where relevant), including relevant procedures, practices, conventions, culture and ways of working prior to a Member Bill's introduction (including but not limited to the way in which Members are selected for the opportunity to propose a Bill, the process for gaining 'leave to proceed', and the level of information Members are required to provide at these stages).
- Identifying any potential implications for the Member Bill process arising from the increase in the number of Members of the Senedd.
- Identifying and, where appropriate, raising with relevant decision-makers including the Senedd Commission and the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd, issues relating to the resource and support available to Members during the Member Bill process.

Areas of focus for the initial evidence gathering phase

- The overall effectiveness of the Member Bill process.
- How Members are selected for the opportunity to propose a Bill.
- How Members are granted leave to introduce Bills.
- The rules about what can, or cannot, be included in a Member Bill, i.e. the 'scope' of such Bills.

- Any considerations for the Member Bill process arising from the increase from 60 to 96 Members in 2026 or the increase in the frequency of ordinary Senedd elections from every five years to every four years.
- The implications of the above for the support and resources available to Members wanting to propose Bills.

Agenda Item 12

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