

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: 30 June 2025

Meeting time: 11.00 – 15.20

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Pre-meeting

(10:30–11:00)

Public meeting

(11:00– 15:00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Future Generations Act: evidence session two

(11:00–12:15)

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Sophie Howe, Former Future Generations Commissioner

Jane Davidson, Chair of Wales Net Zero2035

Break

(12:15–13:30)

3 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Future Generations Act: evidence session three

(13:30–15:00)

Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales

Catryn Holzinger, Well-being of Future Generations Manager, Audit Wales

Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, Audit Wales



4 Papers to note

(15:00)

- 4.1 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**

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- 4.2 Correspondence to the Chair from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip regarding funding for the provision of Speech and Language Therapy for young people in the youth justice system in Wales**

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- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

(15:00)

Private meeting

(15:00–15:20)

- 6 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Future Generations Act: consideration of evidence**

(15:00–15:15)

- 7 Forward work programme**

(15:15– 15:20)

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Jane Hutt AS/MS
Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol, y
Trefnydd a'r Prif Chwip
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip



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Mike Hedges MS
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23 June 2025

Dear Mike,

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you that the inaugural 4 Nations Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on Work and Pensions will meet on 26 June 2025.

This will be the first meeting of the 4 Nations DWP IMG and will be chaired by the UK Government Minister Andrew Western, Minister for Transformation, DWP. I will represent Welsh Government at this virtual meeting.

I anticipate the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest in the fields of employment support, disability, social security, child maintenance and pensions with the agenda concentrating on the UK Government's Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits green paper and Support to Get Britain Working White Paper.

I have copied this letter to the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Hutt AS/MS

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Agenda Item 4.2


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Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair
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18 June 2025

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2025 requesting an update on my discussions with Sir Nic Dakin MP, Minister for Justice regarding funding for the provision of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) for young people in the youth justice system in Wales.

To date, I have met the Minister for Justice twice. Our first meeting took place on 31 October 2024, which served as an introduction, following the Minister's appointment. The latter meeting took place on 20 March 2025, when we met in person to visit Cardiff Youth Justice Service together. The opportunity for a detailed discussion on the provision of SLT for young people in the youth justice system during our visit did not arise, however, I look forward to having regular meetings with the Minister for Justice, which are being arranged. I will raise this issue at a future meeting.

I am also committed to meeting with the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and I am working to find a date to facilitate this discussion, in the near future.

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It is crucial to prevent young people from coming into contact with the youth justice system, thus I welcome further discussion on the role SLT can play to support diversion. I will, of course, keep the Committee informed of discussions with both the Minister for Justice and the College, when there is something substantive to report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line above the first letter 'J'.

Jane Hutt AS/MS

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**Y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb
a Chyfiawnder Cymdeithasol**

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12 May 2025

Dear Jane,

Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) in the youth justice system

The Committee recently considered correspondence from Pippa Cotterill, from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT). Her letter outlines continued concerns regarding funding for the provision of speech and language therapy for young people in the youth justice system in Wales. These concerns expand upon our report and extensive exchange of correspondence on this matter. In particular the RCSLT raise specific concerns about the adequacy of the Turnaround programme funding led by the Ministry of Justice, which is unlikely to support the funding of speech and language therapists in areas which do not already have provision in future.

The Committee would appreciate an update on your discussions with Sir Nic Dakin MP at the Ministry of Justice regarding these concerns. Can you also clarify whether arrangements have been made to meet RCSLT Wales to provide them with an update following your meeting. The Committee request to be kept informed of the outcome of these meetings.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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