

Agenda – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel and videoconference via Zoom	P Gareth Williams Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 30 June 2025	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 13.30	SeneddLJC@senedd.wales

Hybrid

Public meeting

(13.30 – 14.45)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest
(13.30)

**2 Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets)
(Wales) Bill: Evidence Session with the Deputy First Minister and
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs**

(13.30 – 14.30) (Pages 1 – 18)

[Environment \(Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets\) \(Wales\) Bill](#), as
introduced

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Statement of policy intent](#)

Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs

Naomi Matthiessen, Deputy Director, Landscapes, Nature and Forestry
Division, Welsh Government

Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Marine and Biodiversity Division, Welsh
Government

Bernadette Payne, Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government



Joel Scoberg-Evans, Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 1 – Briefing paper

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 2 – Submission from Green Alliance

Break

(14.30 – 14.35)

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

4 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

(14.35 – 14.40)

4.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter-ministerial groups

(Pages 19 – 21)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Inter-Ministerial Group on Work and Pensions, 23 June 2025

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 4 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee, 24 June 2025

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Tourism Inter-Ministerial Group, 25 June 2025

4.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

(Pages 22 – 23)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 6 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 23 June 2025

5 Papers to note

(14.40 – 14.45)

5.1 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Border Controls on imports into Wales from Ireland

(Pages 24 – 25)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 7 – Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 24 June 2025

5.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Finance Committee: Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill

(Pages 26 – 27)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 8 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Finance Committee, 24 June 2025

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

(14.45)

Private meeting

(14.45 – 16.40)

7 Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

(14.45 – 15.00)

- 8 Constitutional Change in Ireland and the implications for Wales:
Briefing with Professor Colin Harvey – Queen's University Belfast**
(15.00 – 15.40)

[Professor Colin Harvey – Queen's University Belfast](#)

- 9 Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum on the Legislative
Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025: Draft
report**

(15.40 – 15.45)

(Pages 28 – 32)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 9 – Draft report

- 10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Import
of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill**

(15.45 – 15.55)

(Pages 33 – 41)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 10 – Legal Advice Note

- 11 Bus Services (Wales) Bill: Draft report**

(15.55 – 16.15)

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 11 – Draft report

- 12 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum
No. 2) on the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill: Draft report**

(16.15 – 16.25)

(Pages 42 – 50)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 – Paper 12 – Draft report

13 The Welsh Government's planning Consolidation Bills

(16.25 - 16.40)

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-21-25 - Paper 13 - Discussion paper

LJC(6)-21-25 - Paper 14 - Briefing paper

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**Submission to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Senedd Cymru
Scrutiny of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill**

1. Absence of safeguards on the independence of the Office of Environmental Governance Wales (OEGW)

We consider this omission is of constitutional significance given the strategic role that the OEGW will play, effectively replicating the supranational oversight role of EU authorities in a domestic context. As such, we would welcome the Committee's scrutiny on this.

The Welsh Government recognises that the independence of the OEGW "is of paramount importance to its effective operation" (para 3.165, Explanatory Memorandum). However, there is no provision in the bill to reflect this, putting the body's independence at risk in both the short and long term.

- The EPGBT Bill should include a duty on Welsh Ministers to respect the OEGW's independence, like that in Para 17 of [Schedule 1](#) of the UK Environment Act 2021, which has been very helpful in safeguarding the independence of the OEP and framing its relationship with the UK Government.
- The EPGBT Bill could also be amended to clarify that Welsh Ministers have no power of direction in relation to the OEGW, like that set out in [Schedule 1](#) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021.
- The EPGBT Bill provides no safeguards on the process for determining the resourcing of the OEGW. The UK Government committed to provide the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) with a ringfenced five-year indicative budget and included a power in the UK Environment Act 2021 to enable the OEP to highlight any under-resourcing to the Westminster Parliament (paragraph 16, Schedule 1) through the publication of a 'sufficiency statement'. Similar safeguards should be considered for the OEGW.

2. Undermining access to environmental justice

There is no provision in the EPGBT Bill for people to make formal representations to the OEGW if they consider that an environmental law may have been broken, nor on how the OEGW would handle such representations. This is a major oversight and would represent a regression from the position that existed when the UK was a member of the EU. While we agree that the EPGBT Bill must allow the OEGW to develop its own systems and approaches, the ability for people to make representations to it on breaches of environmental law should be enshrined in legislation given its public importance.

We recommend that the EPGBT Bill should be amended to include the ability for people to make a representation to the OEGW if they believe that a public authority has failed to comply with environmental law. The bill should also set out the broad process that will be followed, for example to mirror the approach taken by the UK Government in [section 32](#) and [section 34](#) of the UK Environment Act 2021.

3. Section 18 – OEGW's review of compliance notices

The EPGBT Bill enables public authorities to ask the OEGW to undertake an internal review of a compliance notice. Section 18(5) requires decisions on notices to be made by a 'review committee', which would be able to confirm, withdraw or vary the compliance notice.

Para 10 of Schedule 1 of the EPGBT Bill specifies that the composition of the committee must include at least 2 people co-opted from a list maintained by Welsh Ministers. Placing the fate of compliance notices, which are designed to be the principal vehicle to bring about compliance with environmental law, in the hands of people from outside the OEGW would weaken its governance and enforcement authority. Experience from the other jurisdictions in the UK highlights that public authorities do not always agree with the findings of the relevant environmental oversight body, so the OEGW internal review process is likely to be used on a regular basis. These provisions should be rethought so that the OEGW retains control over its enforcement decisions. It would be possible to build independence and objectivity into the review process without requiring the OEGW to cede its enforcement authority.

4. Section 29(4) – meaning of environmental law

This section relates to the meaning of environmental law and gives Welsh Ministers the power to amend this by regulation, which the statement of intent explains is “to ensure the definition of environmental law can be future proofed and updated with the latest developments in respect of international and domestic policy”.

The UK Environment Act 2021 provides the Secretary of State with a similar power in [section 46\(5\)](#). However, section 46(6) of the UK Act also requires the Secretary of State to undertake consultation before making regulations, including with the OEP, which is important given the meaning of environmental law shapes its oversight remit.

The meaning of environmental law in section 29(4) of the EPGBT Bill will perform a similar role for the OEGW (the statement of intent notes that it “effectively sets the scope of the OEGW’s functions”). It is concerning, therefore, that no consultation requirement has been included in relation to the OEGW. This should be added.

5. Section 33(1) (Biodiversity targets): New section 6B(1) of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Section 6B(1) provides Welsh Ministers with a power to set targets through regulations in respect of any matter relating to biodiversity in Wales. This is very welcome. We will share submissions in relation to the policy content of Part 3 of the EPGBT Bill with the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee but set out some points below on the level of detail that we consider ought to be placed on the face of the bill.

The explanatory memorandum notes that the legislation makes provision that “aims to respond effectively and with urgency to these fundamental [nature and climate] crises”. We welcome this intent but question whether the absence of timescales in the new target setting framework is commensurate with the Welsh Government’s aim.

Just as the Global Biodiversity Framework describes both 2030 targets and longer-term 2050 goals, the EPGBT Bill should ensure that Welsh Ministers are accountable for delivering legally binding interim and long-term targets, with at least one long-term and one short-term target required for each priority area. The bill is silent on the duration of targets and our current reading is that it would be possible to bring forward only short-term targets, for example.

Furthermore, the timescale set by section 6C(5) for Welsh Ministers to exercise the power in section 6B to set a target in respect of at least one matter within four specified priority areas does not reflect either the urgency needed to address the alarming declines in Welsh nature nor the calls from [Senedd Cymru](#) and [Audit Wales](#) for action to be at a pace that reflects the scale of the nature crisis.

This timeframe means that targets will not be required until 2029. Wales' first suite of biodiversity targets should be required within 12 months of the EPGBT Bill receiving Royal Assent. This timeframe was applied in the UK Environment Act 2021 and targets under that Act were published within 13 months. We consider that the Welsh Government should adopt a more ambitious statutory timeframe for publishing and adopting targets, particularly because work towards developing the targets is already underway.

We agree that biodiversity targets should be set via regulations, rather than on the face of the EPGBT Bill, provided those regulations are passed via the affirmative procedure, which we believe will be the case under [section 25\(3\)](#) of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

However, we consider there would be value in including an additional requirement in the EPGBT Bill for Welsh Ministers to set a target to reverse the decline in species abundance by 2035. This would follow the precedent set by the UK Environment Act 2021, which required the Secretary of State to set a target, through regulations, to halt the loss of species abundance by 2030. This would act as a 'North Star', capturing and embedding the ambition and commitment of the current Welsh Ministers and Senedd to respond to the nature emergency and galvanising action from the outset. Its value is heightened by the fact that implementation of all of the duties passed via this bill will be in the next Senedd term.

6. Use of 'from time to time'

The EPGBT Bill would enable Welsh Ministers to review important measures 'from time to time'. While this construct has been occasionally used in other Welsh legislation (for example, [section 25\(4\)](#) of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024), it does not appear to be commonly used. We question its appropriateness in the context of reviewing important legislative provisions (the Environmental Principles and Integration Statement and legally binding biodiversity targets) which have already been subject to lengthy delays.

7. Coming into force dates

No timetable has been provided for the establishment of the OEGW. The majority of its provisions will come into force on a day appointed by the Welsh Ministers in an order made by Welsh statutory instrument. While the process of establishment and vesting will need to be sequenced, the lengthy delays experienced to date suggest that it would be prudent to ask for a timetable to be published so that the Senedd and civil society can hold future Welsh Ministers to account on implementation.

Green Alliance, 26 June

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

Agenda Item 4.1


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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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Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS
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24 June 2025

Dear Mike

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you of the seventh meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC), which will take place on 26 June 2025.

The Standing Committee will be chaired by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Kate Forbes MSP. I will represent the Welsh Government at this virtual meeting. I anticipate the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the industrial strategies, the UK Internal Market Act 2020, the Sewel Convention and the UK Legislation Programme, along with other current affairs issues.

I have copied this letter to the Chairs of the Finance Committee, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

I will provide an update after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS
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Rebecca Evans AS/MS
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25 June 2025

Dear Mike,

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you that the Tourism Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) will meet on 22 July 2025.

This will be the first meeting of the IMG since the publication of the Review of Intergovernmental Relations in January 2022 and will be chaired by the UK Government Minister of State for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism, Chris Bryant MP. I will represent Welsh Government at this virtual meeting.

I anticipate the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the UK Government's plan to increase international tourism, and updates from all four governments in relation to activity and issues in their respective areas.

I have copied this letter to the Chairs of the Finance Committee, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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23 June 2025

Dear Mike,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to consent to the UK Government making regulations to provide the poultry industry, and their associated catching companies, with clarity on the legal requirements that apply to the catching of poultry during transport operations.

This follows a joint public consultation on poultry catching and handling: [Poultry catching and handling: proposed changes to permitted methods | GOV.WALES](#)

If the preferred option, option one, is pursued, then regulations could disapply the prohibition in assimilated Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations ("1/2005") on the lifting of animals by their legs, to chickens, to allow chickens to be caught by two legs. This amendment would remove a discrepancy between 1/2005 and the statutory codes of practice for the welfare of laying hens and pullets, and the welfare of meat chickens and meat breeding chickens. The consultation also sought to gain further information on the methods used to catch turkeys, and to understand whether there was evidence to support allowing turkeys under a certain weight to be caught by two legs.

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 to working collaboratively with the UK Government where there is a clear rationale for doing so. On this occasion, I am giving my consent to the UK Government to make regulations. This approach will ensure regulations are introduced simultaneously across England, Wales and Scotland, and will provide the poultry industry with clarity on the legal requirements that apply to the catching of poultry during transport operations. Separate regulations, or any divergence in the coming into force of regulations, across Great Britain could lead to complexity, inconsistencies and administrative burden for industry and enforcement agencies.

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Welsh Government officials have a good working relationship with their Defra counterparts and will continue to work with them and the Scottish Government to strengthen the protection of animal welfare during transport, maintaining positive and constructive intergovernmental relations.

I anticipate regulations will be laid during the week commencing 30 June (based on the date I have). I will provide an update to committees once regulations have been laid.

I am copying this letter to Andrew RT Davies MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Huw Irranca-Davies', written in a cursive style.

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS

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a Materion Gwledig

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs



WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **Border Controls on imports into Wales from Ireland**

DATE **24 June 2025**

BY **Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs**

The Border Target Operating Model, including arrangements agreed by the UK, Welsh and Scottish governments to protect our biosecurity and food safety, was published in August 2023. It set out the post-Brexit requirements of border controls on imports from the EU, including that live animals and goods such as foodstuffs could only be imported through a point of entry with a border control post (BCP).

In line with those arrangements, the Welsh Government commissioned construction of a BCP on our land at Parc Cybi in March 2024 to ensure that Holyhead - the busiest ferry port on the Irish Sea, with over three quarters of imports to Great Britain from Ireland - would be able to continue to operate. As with BCPs around Great Britain, HM Treasury provided funding for construction – in Holyhead’s case, £44m out of a cost of £51m incurred up to the end of 2024-25. Construction of Holyhead BCP is now nearing completion, and the building is expected to be handed over to Welsh Government this autumn.

In May 2025, the UK Government announced a Common Understanding with the European Union (EU) with a view to negotiating a ‘Common Sanitary and Phytosanitary Area’ that could, if agreed, exempt many imports of live animals and goods from sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks at the border. Details of the agreement are still to be negotiated. We remain engaged with colleagues in the UK Government who are leading these negotiations, and with colleagues in the Scottish Government and Northern Ireland Executive. We are also committed to ensuring an acceptable level of biosecurity protection over the interim period whilst the agreement is negotiated and implemented.

The Senedd will recall that, although physical and identity checks on imports from the EU began on 30 April 2024, no start date has ever been announced for SPS checks on imports from Ireland. I have decided not to proceed with the final commissioning and staffing of the Holyhead BCP, and not to take forward construction of BCPs at Fishguard and Pembroke Dock. I will keep that decision under review until the final details of the agreement with the EU are known. We will then be able to make longer-term plans for the Holyhead site. In the meantime, it is crucial that it remains ready and available as a potential BCP facility.

The Welsh Government remains committed to providing sufficient notice for traders and delivery partners should any new border checks need to be introduced.

The need for new border control facilities across Great Britain flows directly from the original decision to withdraw from the EU. The costs associated with maintaining the Holyhead facility in a state of readiness, without commissioning it for border control functions, are a result of ongoing UK-EU discussions on the SPS agreements. These discussions stem from the original decision to withdraw from the EU.



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Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair
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24 June 2025

Dear Peredur,

Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment

Following the completion of the Stage 2 proceedings in respect of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill, and in line with Standing Order 26.28, a revised Explanatory Memorandum has been laid to account for amendments made to the Bill at Stage 2, to reflect new, amended or removed provisions.

I would like to bring relevant changes which have been made to the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) to the Committee's attention.

The Committee's recommendations

In my letter of 28 March, following the publication of the Committee's Stage 1 report, I set out my initial response to the Committee's recommendations. I can now provide further details for those recommendations in response to which the RIA has been revised.

In response to Committee recommendation 11, Annex 4 (Visitor Levy Revenue Estimate Workings) has been updated in line with the increase in the higher levy rate of £1.30 and the exemption for under 18s in lower rated stays.

In response to Committee recommendation 15, local authority cost estimates at Table 16 have been updated to reflect the outcome of a revised collaborative exercise between the Welsh Government and individual local authorities, aimed at identifying and establishing a range of initial estimates for the likely administrative and compliance costs associated with implementing a visitor levy, including costs related to establishing and running a visitor levy partnership forum.

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In response to Committee recommendation 17 an explanation on the medium to long-term funding model to cover the additional administrative costs falling on the WRA as a result of the Bill has been included at section 8.5.64.

Stage 2 amendments

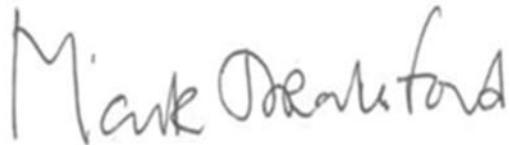
Updates have been made throughout the EM and RIA to reflect amendments to the Bill at Stage 2. Key changes include:

- The National Register – to set out the powers the WRA will have to establish and maintain the register, including enforcement.
- Provisions for local authorities to establish a Levy Partnership forum.
- Under 18s exemption to the lower rate (and other changes to the levy calculation section in relation to the lower rate).
- Increase of the higher rate to £1.30
- The updated position on the powers for making subordinate legislation; and
- Annex 1 to ensure the Explanatory Notes reflect the Bill as amended.

I would like to take the opportunity to again thank the Finance Committee for its scrutiny of the Bill.

I have copied this letter to the Chair and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Mark Drakeford AS/MS

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

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