

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel
and videoconference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 2 February 2026

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.21

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Rt Hon the Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill, The Royal Courts of Justice
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Elizabeth Foster (Deputy Clerk) Megan Ford (Deputy Clerk)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Evidence session with the Lady Chief Justice

The Committee received evidence in relation to its justice remit from the Lady Chief Justice.

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

3.1 SL(6)721 – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2026

The Committee noted the instrument and was content.

3.2 SL(6)722 – The Local Health Boards (Directed Functions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the instrument and was content.

3.3 SL(6)724 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Value of Differential Multipliers) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the instrument and was content.

3.4 SL(6)726 – The Renters’ Rights Act 2025 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2026

The Committee noted 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)717 – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026

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

4.2 SL(6)718 – The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4.3 SL(6)723 – The National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4.4 SL(6)727 – The Closure of European Union Legacy Agriculture Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4.5 SL(6)729 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Artificial Avoidance Arrangements) (Local Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4.6 SL(6)730 – The Renting Homes (Model Written Statements of Contract) (Wales) (Amendments etc.) Regulations 2026

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

4.7 SL(6)720 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

5 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7 – previously considered

5.1 SL(6)696 – The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2025

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

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

6.1 SL(6)719 – The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Regulation and Inspection of Social Care) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

7 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

7.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter–ministerial groups

The Committee noted correspondence from the Welsh Government in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group on UK–EU relations.

8 Papers to note

8.1 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to Adam Price MS: Proposed removal of urban development corporation planning powers

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to Adam Price MS.

8.2 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: Swansea Residential Women's Centre

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery and agreed to write back to her prior to the Committee's upcoming evidence session in March with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

8.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Finance Committee: Revised Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment on the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Finance Committee.

8.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee: The Welsh Government's response to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee report on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee.

8.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: The Welsh Government's responses to Committees' reports on the Building Safety (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

8.6 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

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

8.7 Correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Legislative Consent Motion Debate on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Committee noted its correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip.

9 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

The motion was agreed.

10 Evidence session with the Lady Chief Justice: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Lady Chief Justice. The Committee agreed to write to the UK Government on issues arising during the evidence session.

11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Draft report

The Committee was informed that another supplementary legislative consent memorandum was anticipated to be laid in respect of the Bill, and that the reporting deadline would be extended as a result. Therefore, the Committee agreed to consider a revised report on both memoranda at a future meeting.

The Committee noted correspondence from Home Ed Cymru and Education Otherwise Association.

12 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill: Draft report

The Committee agreed its draft report.

13 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill: Oral update

Members received an oral update on the Memorandum. The Committee agreed to consider a draft report during its meeting on 9 February.