

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 23 February 2026

Meeting time: 13.30 – 14.57

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## Remote

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Elizabeth Foster (Deputy Clerk) Megan Ford (Deputy Clerk)

### 1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions

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

#### 2.1 SL(6)744 – The Online Safety Act 2023 (Exempt User-to-User and Search Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.



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## **2.2 SL(6)756 – The Social Care Wales (Proceedings before Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

## **2.3 SL(6)760 – The Cancellation of Student Loans for Living Costs Liability (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

## **2.4 SL(6)754 – The Code of Practice on Quality Assurance and Performance Management, Escalating Concerns and Closure of Regulated Care and Support Services (Appointed Day) (Wales) Order 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

### **3.1 SL(6)742 – The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.2 SL(6)747 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.3 SL(6)750 – The Beavers (Wales) Order 2026**

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

### **3.4 SL(6)751 – The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2026**

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

### **3.5 SL(6)757 – The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Review of Maps) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.6 SL(6)758 – The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (Wales) Order 2026**

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

### **3.7 SL(6)759 – The Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.8 SL(6)743 – The Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.9 SL(6)745 – The Infrastructure Consent (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.10 SL(6)746 – The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.11 SL(6)748 – The Infrastructure Consent (Compensation for Changing or Revoking Infrastructure Consent Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.12 SL(6)749 – The Building Act 1984 (Amendment of Commencement Order No. 1) and Building Safety Act 2022 (Amendment of Commencement Regulations No. 6) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

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

### **4.1 SL(6)706 – The Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements) (Maintained Primary Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.2 SL(6)707 – The Building (Higher-Risk Buildings Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.3 SL(6)708 – The Building etc. (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.4 SL(6)737 – The Adoption Support Services (Adoption Support Agencies) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.5 SL(6)718 – The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.6 SL(6)723 – The National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.7 SL(6)736 – The Building Safety Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.8 SL(6)741 – The Higher Education (Fee Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.9 SL(6)731 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Amendment of Definition of Domestic Property) (Wales) Order 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **5 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**

#### **5.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter-ministerial groups**

The Committee received notification from the Welsh Government in relation to a number of inter-ministerial group meetings:

- letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Transport;

- letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee;
- Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change;
- letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change;
- Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to a meeting of the Celtic Forum;
- letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government in relation of a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Housing, Communities and Local Government;
- letter and Written Statement from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language in relation to a meeting of the Finance Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee.

## **5.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The REACH (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026**

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

## **5.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Inter–Ministerial Group on UK–EU relations**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning.

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Recommendation of the Pembrokeshire Community Review**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

### **6.2 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Agreement to consult on devolution of powers for a Vacant Land Tax in Wales**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

### **6.3 Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 – Phase 2 bans**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

### **6.4 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: The Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government.

### **6.5 Law Commission: Scoping Report on Agricultural Law in Wales**

The Committee noted the Law Commission's scoping report on its review of agricultural law in Wales.

**6.6 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:  
Review of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022 and consultation  
response report**

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

**6.7 Correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:  
Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted its outgoing correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

**6.8 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Supplementary  
Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 4) on the Children's  
Wellbeing and Schools Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

**7 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.

**8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill**

Members agreed to consider the Memorandum at the next meeting.

**9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.  
2) on the Pension Schemes Bill**

Members considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) and agreed not to report on Memorandum No. 2 due to there being insufficient time to do so ahead of the reporting deadline.

## **10 Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Railways Bill**

Members considered the Memorandum and Memorandum No. 2, and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales to seek further information.

## **11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**

The Committee agreed not to report on Memorandum No. 4 due to time constraints, but agreed to write to the Bill sponsor Lord Falconer.