

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – Sixth Senedd

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 16 March 2026

Meeting time: 13.36 – 14.13

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Mark Isherwood MS Cefin Campbell MS (In place of Adam Price MS) |
| Witnesses: | |
| Committee Staff: | P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) |

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Adam Price MS and Alun Davies MS. Cefin Campbell MS attended as substitute for Adam Price MS.



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

2.1 SL(6)784 – The Health and Social Care (Wales) Act 2025 (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the instrument and was content.

2.2 SL(6)787 – The National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the instrument and was content.

2.3 SL(6)789 – The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted 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)782 – The Education Workforce Council (Further Education Teacher Qualifications, Periods of Absence from Work and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.2 SL(6)783 – The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses and Qualifying Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.3 SL(6)786 – The Charges for Residues Surveillance (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.4 SL(6)788 – The Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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

3.5 SL(6)781 – The Representation of the People (Absent Voting and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

3.6 SL(6)785 – The Digital Waste Tracking (Wales) Regulations 2026

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

4.1 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd: The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd.

4.2 SL(6)774 – The Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (Wales) Regulations 2026

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

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

5.1 SL(6)771 – Strategic Priorities and Objectives Statement to Ofwat issued under section 2B of the Water Industry Act 1991

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

6 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

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

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to a meeting of the Transport Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee.

6.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Memorandum of Understanding between the Welsh Government, the North Sea Transition Authority and the UK Government

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

6.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The REACH (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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

6.4 Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: The Provision of Services (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

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

7 Papers to note

7.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: The Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum

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

7.2 Correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Public Office (Accountability) Bill

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

7.3 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Publication of independent research into options for income tax devolution in Wales

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

7.4 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Finance Committee: Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Finance Committee.

7.5 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd: Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd.

7.6 Correspondence between the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Welsh Government: UK–Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

The Committee noted the correspondence between the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the Welsh Government.

7.7 Correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee: Welsh Government's Legislative Improvement Plan

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.

7.8 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales.

7.9 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government response to the President of Welsh Tribunals Sixth Annual Report 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

7.10 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Publication of the UK ETS Authority consultation on regulating cross-boundary CCS pipelines

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

7.11 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Amendments to the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2014

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

8 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.

9 Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum on the Plant Varieties Act (Amendment) Regulations 2026: Draft report

The Committee agreed its draft report.

10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education.