

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

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Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 23 March 2026

Meeting time: 13.30 – 14.58

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Mark Isherwood MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)

### 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)791 – The Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

### **2.2 SL(6)794 – The Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 7, Transitory, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

### **2.3 SL(6)796 – The Inspection of Education and Training (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

### **2.4 SL(6)797 – The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Amendment to Commencement Order No. 2) Order 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

### **2.5 SL(6)799 – The Senedd Cymru (Returning Officers' Accounts) Order 2026**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

### **2.6 SL(6)800 – The Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Act 2025 (Commencement No.1 and Transitional and Transitory Provision) 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)790 – The Building etc. (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.2 SL(6)792 – The Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework and Variation of Combination Schemes) (Wales) Order 2026**

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

### **3.3 SL(6)793 – The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.4 SL(6)795 – The School Funding, Budget Statements and Outturn Statements (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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

### **3.5 SL(6)801 – The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2026**

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

### **3.6 SL(6)798 – The Senedd Cymru (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2026**

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

### **3.7 SL(6)802 – The Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2026**

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

### **3.8 SL(6)804 – The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) 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)772 – The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Patient Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.2 SL(6)778 – The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Patient Charges) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.3 SL(6)785 – The Digital Waste Tracking (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.4 SL(6)775 – The Political Parties Campaign Expenditure (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025 (Appointed Day) (Wales) Order 2026**

### **4.5 SL(6)776 – The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025 (Appointed Day) (Wales) Order 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

### **4.6 SL(6)777 – The Individual Candidate Election Expenses (Senedd Elections) Code of Practice 2025 (Appointed Day) (Wales) Order 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

#### **4.7 SL(6)782 – The Education Workforce Council (Further Education Teacher Qualifications, Periods of Absence from Work and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

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

### **5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement**

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

The Committee noted correspondence: from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning in relation to a meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Trade which took place on 4 March 2026; and from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip in relation to an upcoming meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Safety, Security and Migration.

#### **5.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The draft Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Regulations 2026**

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

### **6 Papers to note**

#### **6.1 Correspondence to the Business Committee: Future Review of Standing Order 29**

The Committee noted its outgoing correspondence to the Business Committee.

**6.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: General scrutiny follow-up**

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

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

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

**6.4 Correspondence from the Minister of State for Courts and Legal Services: Cardiff Civil Justice Centre**

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister of State for Courts and Legal Services.

**6.5 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill**

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

**6.6 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: Updated analysis of subordinate legislation requiring correction**

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

**6.7 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: The Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

**6.8 Correspondence from the European Affairs Committee, House of Lords: Dynamic alignment inquiry**

The Committee noted the letter from the European Affairs Committee of the House of Lords and agreed to respond.

**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 Statutory Instruments laid but not formally scrutinised by the Committee – Sixth Senedd**

The Committee agreed its approach to Statutory Instruments laid but not formally scrutinised by the Committee, and agreed that the Chair would sign off the report outside of Committee.

**9 Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report.

**10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill**

The Committee considered Memorandum No. 4 and agreed not to report due to time constraints.

## **11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda (Memorandum No. 2 and Memorandum No. 3) on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed to add a note to the front page of its previously laid report to show that the report relates to the version of Memorandum No. 3 which was laid on 27 January 2026 and subsequently withdrawn by the Welsh Government on 17 March 2026, after the Committee's report was laid on 12 March 2026.

## **12 Legacy report**

The Committee considered and agreed a revised version of its legacy report.