

Concise Minutes – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.08

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS
Witnesses:	Elin Burns, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Iddon Edwards, Welsh Government Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning Jeremy Evas, Welsh Government Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government Ann Watkin, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Richard Thomas (Clerk)



	Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Lee Waters MS.

2 ARFOR: Ministerial evidence session

2.1 Members questioned the Cabinet Secretaries as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the delivery of the ARFOR programme.

3 General ministerial scrutiny: Welsh Language

3.1 Members questioned the Cabinet Secretary as part of the Committee's general ministerial scrutiny.

4 Papers to note

- 4.1 The papers were noted.
- 4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Future Generations Commissioner on the Green Paper for a Culture Bill.

4.1 Wales–Ireland relations

4.2 Public service broadcasting in Wales

4.3 A Culture Bill for Wales

4.4 Auditor General for Wales

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

- 5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Consideration of the evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.

7 BBC Royal Charter review: Consideration of draft response

7.1 Members considered the Committee's draft response to the UK Government's consultation on the BBC's Royal Charter Review and Green Paper.