

# Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Monday, 28 April 2014**

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Meeting time: **14.30 – 16.25**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

David Melding AM (Chair)  
Suzy Davies AM  
Joyce Watson AM (In place of Julie James AM)  
Eluned Parrott AM  
Simon Thomas AM

### Witnesses:

Kay Jenkins, Electoral Commission  
Stephen Brooks, Electoral Reform Society Wales

### Committee Staff:

P Gareth Williams (Clerk)  
Ruth Hatton (Deputy Clerk)  
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)  
Alys Thomas (Researcher)  
Stephen Boyce (Researcher)

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

Apologies were received from Julie James AM. Joyce Watson AM substituted.

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

2.1 CLA393 – The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Personal Dental Services Agreements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

2.2 CLA394 – The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Approved European Body of Accountants) Order 2014

2.3 CLA395 – The Welfare at Time of Killing (Wales) Regulations 2014

The Committee noted the instruments and was content.

### **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (Disqualification from Remuneration Board) Order 2014

The Committee noted the Order.

3.2 Correspondence in relation to CLA362 – The Leasehold Valuation Tribunals (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.3 Correspondence in relation to the Draft Wales Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.4 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee

The Committee noted the Paper and agreed that the Clerk should write to the petitioner to seek any additional information relevant to the Committee's inquiry into the Disqualification of Members from the National Assembly for Wales.

3.5 CLA389 – The Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

The Committee noted the Welsh Government's response.

3.6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum Deregulation Bill: Amendments in relation to Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 and Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999

The Committee noted the supplementary LCM and the timescale for reporting. The Committee agreed that an extended reporting deadline may be needed because of the two Bank Holidays in May.

### 3.7 Correspondence from House of Lords, European Union Committee

The Committee noted the correspondence and the House of Lords Report on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union.

## **4 Evidence in relation to the Inquiry on the Disqualification of Members from the National Assembly for Wales**

The Committee took evidence from Kay Jenkins, Head of Wales Office, Electoral Commission, and Stephen Brooks, Director, Electoral Reform Society.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

The Committee agreed to conduct the remainder of the meeting in private.