

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 25 September
2017

Meeting time: 14.05 – 16.33

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Suzy Davies AM Mark Isherwood AM Steffan Lewis AM Jeremy Miles AM Eluned Morgan AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government Dr Hugh Rawlings CB, Director, Welsh Government Piers Bisson, Public Service Reform Division
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Sara Rees (Deputy Clerk)



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	Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)
	Nia Moss (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Michelle Brown. There was no substitute.

2 The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and its implications for Wales – evidence session

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Mark Drakeford, and his officials, Piers Bisson and Hugh Rawlings.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Paper to note 1 – Correspondence from the Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government's draft budget 2017–18

3.1a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.2 Paper to note 2 – Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

3.2a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.3 Paper to note 3 – Correspondence from the Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee to the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

3.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.4 Paper to note 4 – Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the Committee's report on the implications of Brexit for Welsh ports

3.4a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.5 Paper to note 5 – Correspondence from Lord Jay of Ewelme regarding the report by the House of Lords EU Committee

3.5a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.6 Paper to note 6 – Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government regarding 'Brexit and Fair Movement of People'

3.6a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.7 Paper to note 7 – Correspondence from the Llywydd regarding the implementation of the Wales Act 2017

3.7a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.8 Paper to note 8 – Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales to the Llywydd regarding the implementation of the Wales Act 2017

3.8a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.9 Paper to note 9 – Correspondence from the First Minister regarding Welsh Government amendments to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

3.9a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.10 Paper to note 10 – Legislative Consent Memorandum – the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

3.10a The Committee noted the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 The implications for Wales of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union – monitoring the negotiations.

5.1 The Committee received a briefing from the Research Service on the latest round of exit negotiations between the UK Government and the European Union, and noted the content of the paper.

6 Forward work programme

6.1 Members considered the Committee's forward work programme and agreed to launch an inquiry into resilience and preparedness: the Welsh Government's administrative and financial response to Brexit.