

Agenda – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Committee Room 2 – Senedd	Alun Davidson
Meeting date: 2 October 2017	Committee Clerk
Meeting time: 15.00	0300 200 6565
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- 1 Introductions, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**
(15.00) (Pages 1 – 7)
 - 2 Papers to note**
(15.00–15.05)
 - 2.1 Paper to note 1 – Correspondence from the Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee regarding scrutiny of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**
(Pages 8 – 9)
 - 2.2 Paper to note 2 – Correspondence from the Llywydd regarding Senedd@Delyn**
(Pages 10 – 11)
 - 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and the meeting on 9 October**
(15.05)
 - 4 European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – consideration of evidence and future work**
(15.05–16.00) (Pages 12 – 164)
- Break (16.00–16.15)**



5 European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

(16.15–17.00)

The Committee will meet informally with the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee for a discussion on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

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Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

25 September 2017

Annwyl Llywydd

EU (Withdrawal) Bill

During a private session of our committee today, we discussed our approach to the scrutiny of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill, following referral of the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) to us and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.

Clearly, the Bill has significant constitutional implications, including implications for the scrutiny of subordinate legislation made by the Welsh Ministers in the future.

We will be working in partnership with the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on scrutiny of the LCM and other matters relating to the scrutiny of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill.

Of particular interest to this committee is the procedure for the scrutiny of subordinate legislation arising as a consequence of the Bill. We have made it clear in correspondence with the Rt Hon. David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (and also in responding to a consultation exercise by the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons) that the National Assembly should be responsible for determining the procedure to be applied to the making of subordinate legislation by the Welsh Ministers.

Like many others, we are disappointed that the Bill, as currently drafted, does not accept this important point of principle.

We believe that it would be helpful for this committee (working with the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee and our counterpart committees across the UK) to



undertake an inquiry on the procedures that should apply to the scrutiny of subordinate legislation made by the Welsh Ministers that will arise as a consequence of the Bill.

This inquiry, which could track the progress of the Bill through the UK Parliament, could aim to influence amendments that may be needed to the face of the Bill. Alternatively, should the Bill be amended to allow the National Assembly to introduce its own scrutiny procedures for subordinate legislation, it could help the Business Committee's consideration of any changes required to Standing Orders.

We would welcome your thoughts on this approach and look forwarding to hearing from you in due course.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Huw Irranca-Davies

Chair

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28 September 2017

Dear Committee Chair

Over the past two years the Senedd@ initiative has seen us taking the work of the Assembly to the people of Wales. To date we have taken the initiative to Wrexham, Swansea and Newport. We chose these locations because voter turnout in these areas was particularly low in the 2011 and 2016 Assembly elections.

Senedd@Wrexham, Senedd@Swansea and Senedd@Newport saw a comprehensive programme of events, visits and workshops which directly engaged thousands of people in the Assembly's work. We also established new working relationships with key local organisations and local media. To maintain the momentum generated by our visits to these towns, and building on the lessons we learned, I am eager to deliver another Senedd@ event during the week commencing 13 November 2017. The constituency of Delyn has been chosen as the location of the next Senedd@ initiative.

One key findings of the evaluations of previous Senedd@ initiatives was the need to enable committees to consider their potential involvement earlier in the planning process. Therefore, I am inviting any suggestions your committee may have about how you may wish to get involved in Senedd@Delyn.

In previous Senedd@ initiatives, committees have held formal meetings in community locations and taken the opportunity to encourage people to participate in their work. Senedd@Delyn will present a fantastic opportunity for your committee to raise its profile and engage with many local organisations and media.

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Elin Jones AC, Llywydd

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Elin Jones AM, Presiding Officer

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Should you require any further information, please contact Geraint Huxtable on **0300 200 6277** or via email: Geraint.Huxtable@Assembly.Wales

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Elin Jones AM
Llywydd

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