

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 18 March 2019

Meeting time: 14.00 – 15.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Delyth Jewell AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Elisabeth Jones (Legal Adviser) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson, Michelle Brown and Mark Reckless.



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2 Papers to note

2.1 Paper to note 1 – Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales to stakeholders regarding a consultation on their three-year forward work programme – 7 March 2019

2.1 The paper was noted.

2.2 Paper to note 2 – Correspondence from Jeremy Miles AM to the Chair regarding the Welsh EU Exit SI programme – 11 March 2019

2.2 The paper was noted.

2.3 Paper to note 3 – Draft clauses proposed by the Welsh Government to the Withdrawal Agreement Bill – 11 March 2019

2.3 The paper was noted.

2.4 Paper to note 4 – Correspondence from Eluned Morgan AM to the Chair regarding the UK Trade Bill: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum EAAL Report – 12 March 2019

2.4 The paper was noted.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Monitoring the EU negotiations

4.1 Members received a briefing from the Research Service on the EU negotiations.

5 Preparing for Brexit – Implications for Wales arising from the UK Government's 'no deal' planning

5.1 Members received a briefing from the Research Service on the implications for Wales arising from the UK Government's 'no deal' planning.

6 Scrutiny of international agreements

6.1 Members agreed to report on the following agreements due to issues identified in the agreements that could impact Wales:

- UK–Switzerland Trade Agreement
- Palestine trade agreement
- Israel trade agreement

6.2 Members considered the following agreements:

- 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement
- Revised Agreement on Government Procurement
- Mutual recognition agreement between the UK and the US
- Agreement between the US and the UK on the mutual recognition of certificates of conformity for marine equipment

7 Subsidiarity monitoring: Amendment of Standing Orders

7.1 Members agreed to write to the Business Committee to suggest that it considers, as soon as practicable following the UK's exit from the EU, tabling motions to:

- revise Standing Orders so as to delete Standing Orders 21.8 to 21.11; and
- alter the remit of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to remove subparagraph (c) (relating to Standing Orders 21.8 to 21.11).

8 Preparation for the scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales on 25 March 2019

8.1 Members discussed and agreed priority areas for questioning in preparation for the scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales on 25 March 2019.