

Concise Minutes – Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 29 April 2019

Meeting time: 10. – 15.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Carwyn Jones AM Mandy Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Amanda Bebb, Association of Electoral Administrators Rhys George, Association of Electoral Administrators Lisa James, Welsh Government Bethan Roberts, Welsh Government Peter Stanyon, Association of Electoral Administrators Elan Closs Stephens, Electoral Commission in Wales Rhydian Thomas, Electoral Commission Chris Warner, Welsh Government Bob Posner, Electoral Commission



	<p>Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly</p> <p>Jeremy Miles AM, Counsel General and Brexit Minister</p> <p>Nia Morgan, Director of Finance</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>P Gareth Williams (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Alex Hadley (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Manon George (Researcher)</p> <p>Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)</p>

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Suzy Davies AM, David Melding AM attended as substitute.

2 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 9

The Committee took evidence from Amanda Bebb, Wales Deputy Chair, Association of Electoral Administrators; Peter Stanyon, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators; Rhys George, Electoral Services Manager, Association of Electoral Administrators; Professor Elan Closs Stephens, Electoral Commissioner for Wales; Bob Posner, Chief Executive, Electoral Commission; and Rhydian Thomas, Head of Electoral Commission, Wales.

The Electoral Commission agreed to provide additional information on voter registration in Scotland.

The Chair suspended the meeting under Standing Order 17.47 for 5 minutes before item 3.

3 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 10

The Committee took evidence from the Counsel General.

The Counsel General agreed to provide information concerning Section 27 of the Bill before the end of Stage 1.

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

4.1 SL(5)406 – The Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

5 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

5.1 SL(5)409 The Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to seek clarification from the Welsh Government on the second technical point raised.

6 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 – previously considered

6.1 SL(5)398 – The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the Government response.

7 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.7

7.1 C(5)032 – The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019

The Committee considered and noted the Order.

8 Written statements under Standing Order 30C

8.1 WS-30C(5)128 – The Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium Enterprises (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

8.2 WS-30C(5)129 – The Common Agricultural Policy and Market Measures (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

8.3 WS-30C(5)130 – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

9 Paper(s) to note

9.1 Letter from Robin Walker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union: Regulations made under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.2 Letter from Llywydd: Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.3 Letter from the Counsel General: Developments of National Significance (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.4 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Amending subordinate legislation – timescales

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.5 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Written statements under Standing Order 30C

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.6 Letter from the Counsel General: Drafting of regulations

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.7 Letter from the Minister for Energy, Environment & Rural Affairs: The Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the Rivers Authorities and Land Drainage Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.8 Letter from Revd Gethin Rhys, Cytûn, to the First Minister: Arrangements for devolved legislation before and after Brexit

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.9 Letter from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language: UK Trade Bill – Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum

The Committee noted the correspondence.

9.10 Letter from the Solicitor General to the Counsel General: Legislation (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the correspondence.

10 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 11

The Committee took evidence from Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Assembly and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance.

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

12 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence.

13 Commencement orders

The Committee considered the paper and agreed to write to the Welsh Government.