

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 29 April 2019

Meeting time: 13.31 – 15.29

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Delyth Jewell AM Mark Reckless AM Suzy Davies AM (In place of David Melding AM) Mike Hedges AM (In place of Joyce Watson AM)
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, First Minister of Wales Simon Brindle, Welsh Government Des Clifford, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (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. Mike Hedges attended as substitute.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from David Melding. Suzy Davies attended as substitute.
- 1.4 Huw Irranca–Davies declared an interest as he is Chair of the European Advisory Group. Mr Irranca–Davies agreed to absent himself from asking questions that related to this role.

2 Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales

- 2.1 The First Minister responded to questions from Members.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Brexit Minister to the Chair regarding UK Common Frameworks Analysis – 4 April 2019

- 3.1.1 Members agreed to accept the Brexit Minister’s offer of a technical briefing on Common Frameworks from officials.
- 3.1.2 The paper was noted.

3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding the attendance of Ministers at Committee – 12 April 2019

- 3.2.1 The paper was noted.

3.3 Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding international agreements – 18 April 2019

- 3.3.1 The paper was noted.

3.4 Paper to note 4: Correspondence from the Brexit Minister to the Chair regarding the Wales Audit Office report on preparations for Brexit in Wales – 23 April 2019

- 3.4.1 The paper was noted.

3.5 Paper to note 5: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding the UK Trade Bill – Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum EAAL Report – 25 April 2019

3.5.1 Members agreed to reply to the Minister to seek further assurances on legislative consent for the Trade Bill.

3.5.2 The paper was noted.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales – consideration of evidence

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6 Consideration of response to the correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding the attendance of Ministers at Committee

6.1 Members agreed to respond to the First Minister to confirm their commitment to co-operation in order to ensure that Ministers are able to attend Committee when necessary.

7 Scrutiny of international agreements

7.1 Members considered the following agreements:

- UK-CARIFORUM trade continuity agreement
- Iceland-Norway trade continuity agreement
- UK-Indonesia Voluntary Partnership Agreement on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade in Timber Products
- UK-Belarus Agreement concerning International Motor Vehicle Carriage

7.2 Members agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to seek a clarification of his statement on responsibility for forestry policy within the UK.