

# Concise Minutes – Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 21 October 2019

Meeting time: 11.30 – 12.37

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair) Carwyn Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health and Social Services Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Frances Duffy, Welsh Government Tom Henderson, Welsh Government Richard Lewis, Welsh Government Jackie Price, Welsh Government Sarah Tyler, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Rachael Davies (Deputy Clerk)



	Sara Moran (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Nia Moss (Researcher)
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## **1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Suzy Davies AM.

Under Standing Order 17.24A, Dai Lloyd AM declared an interest in relation to Item 2.

## **2 The National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill: Evidence session**

The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

## **17 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 The National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed to consider its draft report at a future meeting.

## **14 Wales' Changing Constitution: Consideration of evidence received to date**

The Committee considered the evidence received to date and noted that the First Minister had accepted the Committee's invitation to attend its meeting on 25 November to discuss *Reforming our Union* in the context of the Committee's inquiry.

## **16 Welsh Government consultation – The future of Welsh law: classification, consolidation, codification**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government's consultation, and agreed to invite the Counsel General to give evidence to a future meeting.

### **3 Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill: Evidence session**

The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

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

#### **4.1 SL(5)455 – The National Health Service (Amendments Relating to Serious Shortage Protocols) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

The Committee noted 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)453 – The M4 Motorway (Rogiet Toll Plaza, Monmouthshire) (50 MPH Speed Limit) Regulations 2010 (Revocation) Regulations 2019**

The Committee considered the instrument, and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to seek clarification on a review of the Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments.

#### **5.2 SL(5)454 – The Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified, and to consider the Welsh Government response at a future meeting.

### **6 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 but have implications as a result of the UK exiting the EU**

#### **6.1 SL(5)456 – The Sea Fishing (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

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

### **7.1 C(5)035 – The Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2019**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified.

## **8 Written statements under Standing Order 30C**

### **8.1 WS–30C(5)153 – The Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

The Committee noted the statement and commentary.

### **8.2 WS–30C(5)154 – The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

The Committee noted the statement and the commentary.

## **9 Statutory Instruments requiring Assembly consent (Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandums)**

### **9.1 SICM(5)26 – The Pesticides (Amendment) Regulations 2019**

The Committee noted the instrument and the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, which had been received in hard copy in advance of the meeting, and was content.

## **10 Paper(s) to note**

### **10.1 Letter from the First Minister: New policy document – Reforming our Union**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister and, as previously stated, noted that the First Minister had agreed to give evidence to the Committee at a future meeting.

### **10.2 Letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Quadrilateral meeting with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

**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.

**13 Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed to consider its draft report at a future meeting.

**15 Update on Brexit**

The Committee received an update on the UK's exit from the EU.