

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 16 September
2019

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.23

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Delyth Jewell AM Mandy Jones AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, First Minister of Wales Des Clifford, Welsh Government Piers Bisson, Welsh Government Liz Lalley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Huw Irranca-Davies declared an interest as he is Chair of the European Advisory Group, Chair of the Regional Investment Wales Steering Group, and Chair of the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee.

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: The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks – 26 March 2019 to 25 June 2019

3.1.1 The paper was noted.

3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister regarding Brexit preparedness – 18 July 2019

3.2.1 The paper was noted.

3.3 Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to the Chair regarding involvement in the first Future Generations Report – 9 August 2019

3.3.1 The paper was noted.

3.4 Paper to note 4: Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding preparedness for Brexit – 22 August 2019

3.4.1 The paper was noted.

3.5 Paper to note 5: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister to the Chair regarding UK-wide common policy frameworks – 6 September 2019

3.5.1 The paper was noted.

3.6 Paper to note 6: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding 8 July 2019 Committee meeting – 6 September 2019

3.6.1 The paper was noted.

3.7 Paper to note 7: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding the Welsh Government's draft international strategy – 9 September 2019

3.7.1 The paper was noted.

3.8 Paper to note 8: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding international trade – 9 September 2019

3.8.1 The paper was noted.

3.9 Paper to note 9: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding inter-Governmental relations – 11 September 2019

3.9.1 The paper was noted.

3.10 Paper to note 10: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding international obligations which bind the UK – 12 September 2019

3.10.1 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 Scrutiny of international agreements

6.1 Members agreed to report on the UK–Portugal treaty on reciprocal voting rights for local elections and the UK–Luxembourg treaty on reciprocal voting rights for local elections.

6.2 Members considered and noted the following agreements:

6.2.1 New and Amended Schedules to the Revised Agreement on Government Procurement as a result of Australia’s accession

6.2.2 UK–Switzerland agreement on admission to the labour market for a temporary transitional period and the Free Movement of Persons Agreement

6.2.3 Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine

6.2.4 International Coffee Agreement 2007

6.2.5 International Sugar Agreement 1992

6.2.6 UK–Central America association agreement

6.3 Members agreed to write to the Welsh Government to confirm whether the agreement text was shared with them once stable.