

Agenda – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 18 November 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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Private pre-meeting

(13.15–13.30)

Appointment of temporary Chair

At its meeting on 11 November 2019, the Committee agreed to appoint Huw Irranca-Davies as Temporary Chair for its meeting on 18 November 2019 in line with Standing Order 17.22

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13.30)

2 Scrutiny session with the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

(13.30–14.30)

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Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

Des Clifford, Welsh Government

Emma Edworthy, Welsh Government

3 Paper(s) to note

(14.30–14.35)

3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding a request to reschedule scrutiny session – 8 November 2019

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3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding timetable for publication of international strategy – 12 November 2019

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

(14.35)

5 Scrutiny session with the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language – consideration of evidence

(14.35–14.50)

6 Scrutiny of international agreements

(14.50–15.05)

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Chair
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8 November 2019

Dear David

EAAL COMMITTEE, 9 DECEMBER 2019

As you know, I had accepted an invitation to appear before the Committee on 9 December to respond to questions on Brexit.

Given the fact that the General Election will be held a few days later, and that the outcome of the Election will inevitably shape future developments in respect of Brexit, I doubt that this will now be the best use of the Committee's time.

I would be very grateful if the Committee would agree to reschedule this session for early in the New Year when I will be able to reflect more authoritatively on the next steps in the Brexit process.

Best wishes

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12 November 2019

Dear David,

Further to my letter of 5 November in which I set out my response to the Committee's questions about the International Strategy and the Concordat, I am writing to inform you of the proposed timetable for the publication of the final strategy document.

As you are aware, the UK Government has called a General Election for 12 December. Even though this is a UK election, the guidance around pre-election announcements is clear. As the Committee will have seen from the draft that was out for consultation recently, aspects of the strategy focus on working with the UK Government to support the delivery of our international ambition and, therefore, I have received advice from officials that it is not appropriate to publish the final strategy until after UK election result is known. Instead, I intend to publish in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for its continued interest in the development of the International Strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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