

Concise Minutes – Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 13 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.00 – 14.55

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair) Suzy Davies AM Carwyn Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM
Witnesses:	Des Clifford, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford AM, First Minister of Wales Dr Robert Parry, Welsh Government Chris Warner, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Manon George (Researcher) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Wales' Changing Constitution: Evidence session 4

Items 2 and 3 were taken together.

The Committee took evidence from the First Minister and his officials.

The Committee agreed to follow-up on issues raised during the session, through correspondence with the First Minister.

3 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

See item 2 above.

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

4.1 SL(5)485 – The Building (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2019

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

4.2 SL(5)486 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Relief) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2019

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

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services: Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services.

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Wales' Changing Constitution: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence and agreed to consider key issues for inclusion in a draft report at a future meeting.

8 Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence and will consider and agree a draft report on the LCM outside of Committee. Members noted the report would be laid by the required deadline of 17 January 2020.

9 Correspondence from the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

The Committee considered the letter and agreed to write to the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform in due course.