

# Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 6 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.16

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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 Dr Robert Parry, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Nia Moss (Researcher) Manon George (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Ed Sherriff, Welsh Government
- 1.3 Huw Irranca-Davies declared an interest as Chair of the European Advisory Group, Chair of the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee, and Chair of the Regional Investment Steering Group.

## **2 Scrutiny session with the First Minister**

- 2.1 The First Minister responded to questions from Members.

## **3 Papers to note**

### **3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding Assembly scrutiny of international agreements – 9 December 2019**

- 3.1.1 The paper was noted.

### **3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform to the Chair regarding potential implications for Assembly committees of any change in the size of the Assembly – 16 December 2019**

- 3.2.1 The paper was noted.

### **3.3 Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister regarding the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill – 18 December 2019**

- 3.3.1 The paper was noted.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) 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 – consideration of evidence**

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

## **6 Approach to scrutiny of EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**

6.1 Members agreed to the approach to the scrutiny of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

## **7 Consideration of forward work programme**

7.1 Members considered and agreed to the forward work programme.