

# Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 27 January 2020

Meeting time: 13.29 – 14.58

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM David Melding AM Dai Lloyd AM (In place of Delyth Jewell AM)
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles AM, Counsel General and Brexit Minister Simon Brindle, Welsh Government Sophie Brighthouse, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Sara Moran (Researcher)

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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.



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- 1.2 Apologies were received from Delyth Jewell and Dai Lloyd attended as substitute.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Mandy Jones.
- 1.4 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 Counsel General and Brexit Minister**

- 2.1 The Counsel General and Brexit Minister responded to questions from Members.

## **3 Papers to note**

- 3.1 **Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee to the Chair regarding the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill – 16 January 2020**

- 3.1.1 The paper was noted.

- 3.2 **Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister to the Chair regarding the Welsh Government's publication of 'The Future UK/EU Relationship: Negotiating Priorities for Wales' – 20 January 2020**

- 3.2.1 The paper was noted.

- 3.3 **Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee to the Chair regarding the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill – 21 January 2020**

- 3.3.1 The paper was noted.

- 3.4 **Paper to note 4: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding Ministerial Forum for Trade – 23 January 2020**

- 3.4.1 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 Counsel General and Brexit Minister – consideration of evidence**

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

#### **6 Scrutiny of international agreements**

6.1 Members considered and noted the following agreements:

6.1.1 UK/Switzerland: Transitional Agreement on Social Security for a Temporary Period following the Withdrawal of the UK; and

6.1.2 Economic Partnership Agreement between the Southern African Customs Union and Mozambique and the UK.