

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Friday, 25 October 2019

Meeting time: 09.31 – 11.27

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jayne Bryant AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Mike Hedges AM Bethan Sayed AM Dai Lloyd AM Lynne Neagle AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, First Minister of Wales Des Clifford, Welsh Government Liz Lalley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk)



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	<p>Ross Davies (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Nia Moss (Researcher)</p>
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1 Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Janet Finch–Saunders and Russell George.

2 Issues related to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

3 Ministerial Scrutiny Session – Topical Matters

Members asked the First Minister questions on topical matters.

The First Minister agreed to provide:

- a note on the discussions that his officials are having with Vertex Pharmaceuticals on the availability of the cystic fibrosis drug Orkambi in Wales; and
- confirmation as to whether the Welsh Government has made an assessment of the impact of uncertainty in relation to investment by the Turkish Army Pension Fund on the future of the steel industry in Wales.

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

The motion was agreed

5 Discussion of previous evidence session

The Committee discussed the evidence from the previous sessions and agreed the arrangements for the Committee's next meeting in February 2020.