

# Concise Minutes – Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 2 December 2019

Meeting time: 10.23 – 12.39

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Dawn Bowden AM (Chair) Huw Irranca-Davies AM Dai Lloyd AM (In place of Delyth Jewell AM) David J Rowlands AM
Witnesses:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Anna Daniel, Head of Strategic Transformation Matthew Richards, Head of the Legal Service
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Stephen Aldhouse (Second Clerk) Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk) Rhayna Mann (Head of Citizen Engagement) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



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

1.1 Apologies were received from Delyth Jewell AM; Dai Lloyd AM substituted.

## **2 Oral evidence session with the Llywydd and Assembly Commission**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel.

2.2 The Llywydd agreed to provide additional information to the Committee.

## **3 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting.**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Oral evidence session with the Llywydd and Assembly Commission – consideration of the evidence**

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.

4.2 Members agreed to ask the Llywydd to provide the Committee with the following additional information:

- Measures by which the capacity of the Assembly could be increased without increasing the size of the Assembly.
- Examples of devolved legislatures which have arrangements for working collaboratively with other tiers of governance as part of their formal parliamentary business.
- Analysis of the Assembly's sitting times and number of sitting weeks, and any implications for the Assembly's capacity and the exercise of Members' other roles and responsibilities.
- Updated estimated costs of any increase in the number of Assembly Members.
- Information about how measures to encourage diversity might be framed so as to fall within the Assembly's legislative competence.
- Views on the extent to which the current devolution framework enable the collection of Assembly election candidate data, and any actions the Assembly Commission or others could take without the need for further legislation.

## **5 Forward work programme**

5.1 The Committee considered and agreed its forward work programme.

## **6 Public engagement strategy**

6.1 The Committee agreed its public engagement strategy.