

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 17 September 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Mandy Jones MS Dai Lloyd MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition Ed Sherriff, Welsh Government Chris Warner, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Nia Moss (Researcher)



	Rhun Davies (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Laura Anne Jones was not in attendance due to technical problems.
- 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.
- 1.4 The Chair put on the record his thanks to David Melding for his work on the Committee and welcomed in his place Laura Anne Jones to the Committee.

2 Scrutiny session with the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition

- 2.1 The Counsel General and Minister for European Transition responded to questions from Members.

3 Papers to note

- 3.0.1 Papers 1 to 15 were noted.

- 3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Climate Change, Energy and Rural Affairs Committee regarding UK Emissions Trading Scheme – 15 July 2020**
- 3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Secretary of State for Wales to the Chair regarding Launch of the UK internal market White Paper and consultation – 16 July 2020**
- 3.3 Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Ministerial Forum for Trade – 19 July 2020**
- 3.4 Paper to note 4: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding EU funding programmes in Wales and the future of regional investment funding in Wales – 20 July 2020**
- 3.5 Paper to note 5: Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales to the Chair regarding follow-up to 30 June 2020 meeting – 20 July 2020**
- 3.6 Paper to note 6: Correspondence from the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to the Secretary of State Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy regarding launch of the UK internal market White Paper and consultation – 27 July 2020**
- 3.7 Paper to note 7: Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Business Secretary and the Secretary of State for Wales regarding UK internal market White Paper and consultation – 7 August 2020**
- 3.8 Paper to note 8: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and**

Constitution Committee regarding UK Government's White Paper on the UK Internal Market – 14 August 2020

- 3.9 Paper to note 9: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding Ministerial Forum for Trade – 14 August 2020
- 3.10 Paper to note 10: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding UK–Poland Agreement – 24 August 2020
- 3.11 Paper to note 11: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding citizen's rights and common frameworks – 25 August 2020
- 3.12 Paper to note 12: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) meeting – 27 August 2020
- 3.13 Paper to note 13: Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language to the Chair regarding separation arrangements between the UK, and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway – 28 August 2020
- 3.14 Paper to note 14: The EU Single Market – a paper from Dr Kathryn Wright – 28 August 2020
- 3.15 Paper to note 15: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding Inter–institutional Agreement – Intergovernmental Relations Review Ministerial Meetings – 4 September 2020
- 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 Counsel General and Minister for European Transition – consideration of evidence

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6 Consideration of international agreements

6.1 Members considered and noted the following agreements:

- Agreement between France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK supplementing their 1993 Agreement on rail traffic between Belgium and the UK using the Channel Fixed Link
- Agreement between the Netherlands and the UK concerning border controls on rail traffic using the Channel Fixed Link
- Special Agreement between France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK concerning security matters relating to trains using the Channel Fixed Link

7 Forward work programme

7.1 Members agreed to consider this item at their meeting on 24 September 2020.