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Cofnodir y trafodion yn yr iaith y llefarwyd hwy ynnddi yn y pwyllgor. Yn ogystal, cynhwysir trawsgrifiad o'r cyfieithu ar y pryd.

The proceedings are reported in the language in which they were spoken in the committee. In addition, a transcription of the simultaneous interpretation is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol **Committee members in attendance**

Alun Davies

Llafur
Labour

Suzy Davies	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
David Melding	Y Dirprwy Lywydd a Chadeirydd y Pwyllgor The Deputy Presiding Officer and Committee Chair
William Powell	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats

Swyddogion Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru yn bresennol
National Assembly for Wales officials in attendance

Stephen Boyce	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Gwyn Griffiths	Uwch-gynghorydd Cyfreithiol Senior Legal Adviser
Ruth Hatton	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Dr Alys Thomas	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Gareth Williams	Clerc Clerk

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 14:31.
The meeting began at 14:31.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau, Dirprwyon a Datganiadau o Fuddiant
Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

[1] **David Melding:** Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to this meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. We have apologies from Dafydd Elis-Thomas, who is attending to his duties at Bangor University this week. I will just make the usual housekeeping announcements. We don't expect a routine fire drill, so if you hear the alarm, please pay attention to the instructions of the ushers. Switch off electronic devices or put them on silent. These proceedings are conducted in Welsh and English. When Welsh is spoken, there's a translation on channel 1, and channel 0 will amplify proceedings should you require that.

14:31

Offerynnau nad ydynt yn Cynnwys Unrhyw Faterion i'w Codi o dan Reol
Sefydlog 21.2 neu 21.3
Instruments that Raise No Reporting Issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

[2] **David Melding:** There is only one item and it is listed there. Are we content?

14:32

Papurau iw Nodi
Papers to Note

[3] **David Melding:** Item 3 is papers to note. First of all, we have a letter from David Rees, the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, about the committee's work on scrutinising regulations. I think it's excellent practice and that we should reply saying how pleased we are that this is receiving full scrutiny.

[4] Paper 3—there are two papers. These papers relate to the UK Government's proposal

for English votes for English laws, which is likely to be updated or reissued in some form today. It's there just for our information anyway, because it may inform our wider remit. Alys has also produced a background briefing, so that's very helpful as well. So, note well, but I don't think that we need particularly to discuss it at the moment.

[5] The fourth paper to note is a letter from the Presiding Officer in relation to the Renting Homes (Wales) Bill. We had the debate in principle in the Chamber last week, in which the Minister did refer to the human rights issues that are in our report, but in a fairly, sort of, cursory fashion, saying, more or less, that she felt that, as the Presiding Officer had ruled on competence, that was the main factor. It wasn't a terribly reassuring exchange, I thought, but it's on the record now and people will make of it what they will. But, the Presiding Officer, obviously, has felt the need to point out to Ministers that the initial ruling on competence in no way prejudices the full scrutiny that the Assembly committees then engage in. Suzy.

[6] **Suzy Davies:** Just to let you know, a very similar question came up in the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee meeting last week, to do with the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill. So, I think that they might be doing a little bit more work, based on the questions that you asked in Plenary just the day before.

[7] **David Melding:** That's helpful. Okay, I'm sure that we appreciate the Presiding Officer's interest in that matter. That concludes what we have listed for the public session.

14:34

**Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i Benderfynu Gwahardd y Cyhoedd o'r
Cyfarfod**

**Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to Resolve to Exclude the Public from the
Meeting**

Cynnig:

Motion

bod y pwyllgor yn penderfynu gwahardd y cyhoedd o weddill y cyfarfod yn unol â Rheol Sefydlog 17.42(vi).

that the committee resolves to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi).

*Cynigiwyd y cynnig.
Motion moved.*

[8] **David Melding:** I now move the relevant Standing Order that we conduct the rest of the meeting in private, unless any Member objects. I don't see any Member objecting, so we will switch off the broadcasting equipment and clear anyone from the public gallery.

*Derbyniwyd y cynnig.
Motion agreed.*

*Daeth rhan gyhoeddus y cyfarfod i ben am 14:35.
The public part of the meeting ended at 14:35.*