Agenda Supplement – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 9 November 2020

Meeting time: 10.00

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8 Discussion on Statutory Instrument Consent Memoranda

10.30-10.35 (Pages 1 – 2)

CLA(5)-32-20 – Paper 42 – Letter from the First Minister, 4 November 2020

CLA(5)-32-20 – Paper 43 – Letter to the First Minister, 23 October 2020

CLA(5)-32-20 – Paper 44 – Letter from the Llywydd, 7 May 2019

Attached Documents:

CLA(5)-32-20 – Paper 42

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9 Briefing on arrangements for the 2021 Senedd Elections

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CLA(5)-32-20 – Paper 45 – Briefing paper

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11 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Internal Market Bill: Consideration of draft report

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CLA(5)-32-20 - Paper 49 - Draft report

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Agenda Item 8

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Ein cyf/our ref MA/RE/3252/20

Mick Antoniw MS
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6 November 2020

Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the Senedd in respect of the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations"), as required by Standing Order 30A.

The Regulations contain amendments to section 155 (2) and (3) of the Equality Act 2010 and I consider the Regulations to be a relevant statutory instrument under Standing Order 30A as they make a provision in relation to Wales amending primary legislation within the legislative competence of the Senedd, which is not incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory, supplementary or savings provisions relating to matters that are not within the legislative competence of the Senedd.

The Regulations make amendments to the Equality Act 2010 to correct deficiencies that arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU and to ensure that the relevant provision of the Equality Act 2010 can continue to operate effectively at the end of the transition period. The amendments are technical in nature, and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

As the Regulations amend primary legislation and that amendment is within the legislative competence of the Senedd, a statutory instrument consent motion will be tabled and a debate schedule

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Regulations are subject to the draft affirmative procedure in Parliament and are due to be laid on 7 October 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Hutt AS/MS
Y Dirprwy Weinidog a'r Prif Chwip
Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

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WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **Report of the Elections Planning Group**

DATE **6 November 2020**

BY **Mark Drakeford, First Minister of Wales**

The Welsh Government's firm intention remains that the Senedd election scheduled for 6 May 2021 should go ahead on that date, and work is continuing on that basis. However, it is not possible to predict the precise public health position next May, and the continuing and evolving effects of the Coronavirus pandemic could affect aspects of the election arrangements and require some adjustments to be made.

The Welsh Government established the Elections Planning Group – comprising representatives of a range of organisations involved in the elections, political parties, other stakeholders and Welsh Government officials – to consider the potential impact of Coronavirus measures on the administration of the election and in particular any implications in relation to the underpinning legislative provision.

The report to me from that Group is attached to this Written Statement (link https://gov.wales/elections-planning-group-report-september-2020)

I am grateful to the representatives of the different parties and organisations for their participation in the work of the Group, which has been valuable in identifying areas of consensus as we seek to ensure a safe election can be delivered in May 2021, and in considering a range of broader issues. I have now had chance to consider the report and to discuss it at a meeting of the Welsh Government Cabinet.

The Elections Planning Group reached a consensus on a number of areas, which the Welsh Government will implement. Further consideration is being given to other issues covered in, and arising from, the Group's report.

The Welsh Government intends to schedule a Plenary debate for 17 November in order to provide an opportunity for Members to share their views on this subject, and to enable the Welsh Government to outline further information on next steps.

Agenda Item 11

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