

## Agenda Supplement – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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| Meeting Venue:                 | For further information contact:                                   |
| Video conference via Zoom      | <b>P Gareth Williams</b>   |
| Meeting date: 17 February 2025 | Committee Clerk  |
| Meeting time: 13.30            | 0300 200 6565  |
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### Remote – Supplementary Pack

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Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

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#### **5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement**

(13.45 – 13.50)

##### **5.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter–ministerial groups**

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–07–25 – Paper 30 – Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Inter–Ministerial Group for Business and Industry, 14 February 2025

#### **8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access)**

**Bill: Draft report**

(13.55 – 14.15)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–07–25 – Paper 23 – Draft report

LJC(6)–07–25 – Paper 24 – Legal Advice Note

LJC(6)–07–25 – Paper 25 – Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 14 January 2025



LJC(6)-07-25 – Paper 31 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 14 February 2025

## **12 The Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020:**

### **Consideration of key issues**

(14.45 – 14.50)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-07-25 – Paper 28 – Key issues paper

## **14 Correspondence with the Chairs' Forum**

(15.05 – 15.10)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-07-25 – Paper 32 – Letter from the Llywydd, 13 February 2025

LJC(6)-07-25 – Paper 33 – Letter to the Llywydd, 30 January 2025

## **15 Consolidation of planning law**

(15.10 – 15.15)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-07-25 – Paper 34 – Draft letter to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT  
BY  
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry**

**DATE**            **14 February 2025**

**BY**                **Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**

I represented the Welsh Government at the Business and Industry Inter-Ministerial Group on 21 January. This was the first meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group since January 2023.

The meeting was chaired by the UK Government's Minister of State for Industry, Sarah Jones MP. It was also attended by Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Business, Scottish Government and a senior official on behalf of Conor Murphy, Minister for the Economy, Northern Ireland Executive. A communique regarding this meeting will be published on the [UK Government website](#).

Discussions focused on formally establishing a [Terms of Reference](#). Updates were provided on economic plans across the four nations and there was a substantive item on the UK Governments growth mission, with a focus on the Industrial Strategy.

I welcomed continued collaboration, and I gave updates on work which is being taken forward by Welsh Government - specially in relation to planning reform, which will enable the successful delivery of the Industrial Strategy. The Industrial Strategy will remain a standing agenda item, and I highlighted the importance of further discussions on the UK Governments other forthcoming strategies and plans.

I will be chairing the next Business and Industry Inter-Ministerial Group in line with rotating chair arrangements.

# Agenda Item 8

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Rebecca Evans MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

14 January 2025

Dear Rebecca,

**Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access) Bill**

At our meeting on 13 January 2025, we considered the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Data (Use and Access) Bill, which you laid before the Senedd on 2 January.

We have a number of questions in relation to this LCM and would therefore be grateful if you would be available to appear before the Committee in person on 3 February in order to help inform our scrutiny.

We would be grateful if your officials could liaise with the clerking team to make arrangements.

I am copying this letter to the Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee; the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee; the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee; and the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges  
Chair

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**  
**Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**  
**Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi, Ynni a Chynllunio**



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Mike Hedges MS  
Chair  
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14 February 2025

Dear Mike,

During my appearance at the Committee's evidence session on the Data (Use and Access) Bill on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, I agreed to provide write to set out why Welsh Government has not sought consent in relation to the other provisions in Part 2 of the Bill on Digital Verification Services.

The Welsh Government has not sought consent in relation to the provisions in Part 2 of the Bill, with the exception of clauses 45, 47 and 49, as we consider the purpose of these provisions to be about the regulation of digital verification services. As such, these are reserved under the "regulation of the sale and supply of...services to consumers" (paragraph 72 of Schedule 7A to Government of Wales Act 2006).

At the evidence session, my officials also committed to provide feedback regarding the Scottish version of the National Underground Asset Register. We will provide this once we have met with the relevant officials in Scotland.

I hope this provides further clarity to the Committee. In relation to the wider Bill, I will provide further updates to the Senedd on the outcome of discussions with the UK Government when appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**  
**Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**  
**Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi, Ynni a Chynllunio**

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# Agenda Item 15

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