

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Virtual – Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 4 December 2023

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.05

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Carolyn Thomas MS (In place of Huw Irranca–Davies MS) Alun Davies MS (Chair) James Evans MS Luke Fletcher MS (In place of Adam Price MS)
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Huw Irranca–Davies and Adam Price sent their apologies. In accordance with the motion agreed at the previous meeting, Alun Davies acted as temporary chair.

The Committee welcomed Carolyn Thomas and Luke Fletcher as substitutions.



2 Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

2.1 SL(6)418 – The Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

3.1 SL(6)417 – The Apprenticeships (Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for Wales) (Modification) Order 2023

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 – previously considered

4.1 SL(6)409 – The Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2023

The Committee noted the response from the Welsh Government.

4.2 SL(6)414 – The Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2023

The Committee noted the response from the Welsh Government.

5 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

5.1 Written Statement and correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution.

5.2 Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change: Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023

The Committee noted the Written Statement and correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Written Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

The Committee noted the Written Statement by the Minister for Climate Change.

6.2 Correspondence from the First Minister: Third meeting of the UK–EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

The Committee agreed the motion.

8 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Draft report

The Committee considered its draft report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill and agreed to consider a further draft at its meeting on 8 January 2024.

9 International agreements

The Committee considered the following international agreements:

- Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (“BBNJ treaty”)

- UK–Portugal Mutual Recognition for the Purpose of Driving and Exchange of Licences
- UK–Belgium Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of the Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts
- UK–Georgia Air Services Agreement
- Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects

The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government and to draw the international agreements to the attention of relevant Senedd and UK Parliament committees. The Committee also agreed to consider its draft report on the agreements at a future meeting.