

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 21 October 2024

Meeting time: 12.00 – 15.20

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Alun Davies MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Iwan Roberts, Welsh Government Bethan Webb, Welsh Government Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs Clare Fernandes, Welsh Government James Muggleston, Welsh Government Scott Tyler, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk)



	Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Water (Special Measures) Bill: Evidence Session

The Committee received evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in relation to the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Water (Special Measures) Bill.

3 The Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session

The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language in relation to the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill.

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

4.1 SL(6)535 – The Local Government Finance (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (Secondary Legislation) (Wales) Regulations 2024

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

4.2 SL(6)536 – The Education (Amendments Relating to the Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2024

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

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

5.1 SL(6)521 – The Applications for Scheduled Monument Consent (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the response to the report, and agreed to write back to the Welsh Government.

5.2 SL(6)529 – The Charges for Residues Surveillance (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response to the report.

5.3 SL(6)534 – The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 (Consequential Provision) (Primary Legislation) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response to the report.

6 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

6.1 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Inter–Ministerial Group meetings

The Committee noted correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education in relation to a meeting of the Education Ministers Council, and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language in relation to a meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Wales: Subordinate legislation laid in English only

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales, and agreed to consider a draft response at a future meeting.

7.2 Correspondence with the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Trade in Animals and Related Products

(Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and agreed to keep the matter under review.

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

The motion was agreed.

9 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Water (Special Measures) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

10 The Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary in respect of the Bill.

11 The Scottish Parliament's Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's inquiry on framework legislation and Henry VIII powers: Draft submission

The Committee agreed its draft submission.

12 The Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Approach to scrutiny (subject to the Bill's introduction)

The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

13 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters' Rights Bill

The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum, and agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to provide oral evidence in respect of the Memorandum. The Committee also agreed to write to the Business Committee to request an extension to the reporting deadline.

14 The Inter-Parliamentary Forum: Update

The Committee received an update on the Inter-Parliamentary Forum.

15 Update in relation to HM Prison Parc

The Committee received an update in relation to HM Prison Parc, and agreed to arrange a visit to the prison.