

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 13 January 2025

Meeting time: 13.32 – 15.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Laura Anne Jones MS. The Committee welcomed Peter Fox MS who attended the meeting as her substitute.



2 Evidence session with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

The Committee received evidence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery in relation to the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

3 Instruments that raise no issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7

3.1 SL(6)560 – The Security And Emergency Measures (Water And Sewerage Undertakers And Water Supply Licensees) (Amendment And Revocation) Direction 2024

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

4.1 SL(6)561 – The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

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)538 – The Nutrition and Health Claims (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the correspondence with the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

5.2 SL(6)557 – The Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

5.3 SL(6)565 – The Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts and Special Health Authorities (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

6.1 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025

The Committee noted the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

6.2 Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Meetings of inter-ministerial groups

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip.

6.3 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

The Committee noted the letter and Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

6.4 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025

The Committee noted the letter and Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

7 Papers to note

7.1 Correspondence from the Equality and Social Justice Committee: Joint-ministerial scrutiny session on criminal justice

The Committee noted the letter from the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

7.2 Correspondence from the Llywydd: Representation on inter-parliamentary bodies

The Committee noted the letter and agreed to write to the Llywydd.

7.3 Correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government's Principles on UK Legislation in devolved areas

The Committee considered the correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

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

The motion was agreed.

9 Evidence session with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

10 International agreements: Draft report

The Committee agreed its draft report.

11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Water (Special Measures) Bill: Consideration of draft report

The Committee considered Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda (Memorandum No. 4 and Memorandum No. 5) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill. The Committee also considered and agreed its draft report, subject to minor changes, and agreed to write to the Welsh Government.

12 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill

The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

13 Subordinate legislation laid in English only

The Committee considered the issue and agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Wales and the House of Commons Procedure Committee.

14 Monitoring report

The Committee considered and agreed its monitoring report. The Committee agreed to write to the Innovating Democracy Advisory Group to seek further information on their role.

15 Statutory instruments previously considered

The Committee considered a paper containing information on statutory instruments considered by the Committee in 2024 where the Welsh Government has indicated that it will bring forward an amending instrument to rectify errors the Committee has identified. The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government.

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

The Committee considered the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Llywydd. The Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary to an evidence session on the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

17 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of written evidence

The Committee considered the written evidence it received from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.