

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 17 February 2025

Meeting time: 13.32 – 15.28

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### Attendance

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

## 1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.



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

### **2.1 SL(6)581 – The Home Loss Payments (Prescribed Amounts) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

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)580 – The Bread and Flour (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed a further merits reporting point. The Committee reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified.

### **3.2 SL(6)582 – The Welsh Elections Information Platform Regulations 2025**

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)576 – The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee noted the Welsh Government response.

## **5 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**

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

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Welsh Government in relation to meetings of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; the Inter-Ministerial Group for Elections and Registration; the Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee; and the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee.

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Correspondence from Professor Colin Harvey, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast: Constitutional matters relating to Wales and the island of Ireland**

The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to write back to Professor Colin Harvey.

### **6.2 Correspondence related to the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Employment Rights Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence in relation to the Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Employment Rights Bill.

### **6.3 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The UK Emissions Trading Scheme**

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

### **6.4 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The UK Emissions Trading Scheme Authority Consultation**

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

### **6.5 Correspondence with the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: 'The future of Welsh law: A programme for 2021 to 2026' Annual Report 2023–24**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

## **6.6 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Water (Special Measures) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs and agreed to write to the Business Committee.

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

The motion was agreed.

## **8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access) Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report subject to some minor changes to be agreed outside of Committee.

## **9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 6) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill**

The Committee considered Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 6) on the Water (Special Measures) Bill and agreed to write to the Business Committee.

## **10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report.

## **11 International Agreements**

The Committee received a briefing on a number of International Agreements, agreed actions on two of the Agreements, and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.

The Committee noted the UK–Ukraine One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement, and the UK–Spain Free Pursuit of Gainful Occupation by Dependents of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices Agreement, and agreed to notify the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of both Agreements.

The following Agreements were also noted by the Committee:

- The Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement;
- The Framework Agreement for International Collaboration on Research and Development of Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems;
- The UK–Romania Defence Cooperation Agreement;
- The UK–Australia Defence and Security Cooperation Agreement; and
- The UK–Slovenia Termination Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments.

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

The Committee considered key issues to include in its response to the UK Government’s review, agreed to write to stakeholders and the Welsh Government in respect of the review.

## **13 Forward Work Planning**

The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme until Easter 2025.

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

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Chairs’ Forum.

## **15 Consolidation of planning law**

The Committee agreed its draft letter to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.