

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 31 March 2025

Meeting time: 10.35 – 15.24

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

| Category               | Names   |
|------------------------|---|
| Members of the Senedd: | Mike Hedges MS (Chair)<br>Alun Davies MS<br>Laura Anne Jones MS<br>Adam Price MS  |
| Witnesses:             | Claire Fife, Welsh Government<br>Julie James MS, Counsel General and Minister for Delivery                                    |
| Committee Staff:       | P Gareth Williams (Clerk)<br>Gerallt Roberts (Second Clerk)<br>Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk)<br>Kate Rabaiotti (Legal Adviser) |

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

There were no apologies or substitutions.



## 2 Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 proceedings

In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

### Amendment 23 (Adam Price)

| In favour                           | Against     | Abstain |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Adam Price                          | Mike Hedges |         |
|                                     | Alun Davies |         |
| <b>Amendment 23 was not agreed.</b> |             |         |

Laura Anne Jones was absent for the consideration of, and vote on, Amendment 23.

### Amendment 24 (Adam Price)

| In favour                           | Against     | Abstain |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Adam Price                          | Mike Hedges |         |
|                                     | Alun Davies |         |
| <b>Amendment 24 was not agreed.</b> |             |         |

Laura Anne Jones was absent for the consideration of, and vote on, Amendment 24.

As amendment 24 was not agreed, amendments 25 to 32 fell.

### Amendment 33 (Adam Price)

| In favour        | Against     | Abstain |
|------------------|-------------|---------|
| Adam Price       | Mike Hedges |         |
| Laura Anne Jones | Alun Davies |         |

As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii). Amendment 33 was therefore not agreed.

Amendment 2 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 3 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 4 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 5 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 6 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 7 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 8 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 9 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 10 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 11 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 12 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 13 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 14 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 15 (Julie James) was agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 34 (Adam Price)

| In favour                    | Against          | Abstain |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Adam Price                   | Mike Hedges      |         |
|                              | Alun Davies      |         |
|                              | Laura Anne Jones |         |
| Amendment 34 was not agreed. |                  |         |

Amendments 16 to 21 were disposed of en bloc. **Amendments 16 to 21 (Julie James)** were agreed to in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

**Amendment 22 (Julie James)**

| <b>In favour</b>                | <b>Against</b>   | <b>Abstain</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mike Hedges                     | Laura Anne Jones |                |
| Alun Davies                     |                  |                |
| Adam Price                      |                  |                |
| <b>Amendment 22 was agreed.</b> |                  |                |

**Amendment 35 (Adam Price)** was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 26.66(i).

**Amendment 1 (Paul Davies)**

| <b>In favour</b>   | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Laura Anne Jones   | Mike Hedges    |                |
| Adam Price   | Alun Davies    |                |
| <b>As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii). Amendment 1 was therefore not agreed.</b> |                |                |

**Amendment 36 (Adam Price)** was not moved.

As all amendments had been disposed of, the Chair confirmed that Stage 2 proceedings were completed.

During proceedings, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government in respect of scrutiny procedures for Welsh statutory instruments. The Counsel General also committed to share with the Committee further details about exploratory work the Welsh Government is undertaking in respect of the partial annulment of subordinate legislation.

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

#### **3.1 SL(6)602 – The Education (Information about Children in Independent Schools) (Pilot) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

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

#### **3.2 SL(6)604 – The Charges for Residues Surveillance (Amendment and Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting point 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)601 – The Children Act 2004 (Children Missing Education Database) (Pilot) (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 and the Interministerial Group on Elections and Registration.

## **5.2 Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

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

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip to the Llywydd: The Crime and Policing Bill**

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

### **6.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill**

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales.

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

The motion was agreed.

## **8 Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill: Draft report**

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

## **9 Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Mental Health Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report.

## **10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Data (Use and Access) Bill: Draft report**

The Committee agreed its draft report.

## **11 Correspondence to the Business Committee: Review of the Public Bill and Members Bill processes**

The Committee considered a draft submission to the Business Committee in relation to its review of the Public Bill and Members Bill processes, and agreed to consider it again at a future meeting.

## **12 Forward Work Planning**

The Committee considered its work programme for the coming months.

## **13 The Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020: Consideration of draft response**

The Committee considered and approved the draft response to the Department for Business and Trade's consultation on its Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, subject to a minor change to be agreed by the Chair outside of Committee.

## **14 Correspondence from the Independent Water Commission: Call for evidence**

The Committee considered and approved the draft response to the Independent Water Commission's call for evidence.