

Agenda – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Video conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: 16 March 2026

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 13.30

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Remote

Public meeting

(13.30 – 14.00)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13.30)

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

(13.30 – 13.35)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 1 – Draft report

Instruments subject to the Senedd approval procedure

2.1 SL(6)784 – The Health and Social Care (Wales) Act 2025 (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

2.2 SL(6)787 – The National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026



Instruments subject to the Senedd annulment procedure

- 2.3 SL(6)789 – The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

- 3 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3**
(13.35 – 13.40)

Instruments subject to the Senedd annulment procedure

- 3.1 SL(6)782 – The Education Workforce Council (Further Education Teacher Qualifications, Periods of Absence from Work and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 2 – Draft report

- 3.2 SL(6)783 – The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses and Qualifying Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 3 – Draft report

3.3 SL(6)786 – The Charges for Residues Surveillance (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 4 – Draft report

3.4 SL(6)788 – The Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 5 – Draft report

Instruments subject to the Senedd approval procedure

3.5 SL(6)781 – The Representation of the People (Absent Voting and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 6 – Draft report

3.6 SL(6)785 – The Digital Waste Tracking (Wales) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 7 – Draft report

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 8 – Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 3 March 2026

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

(13.40 – 13.45)

4.1 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd: The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 9 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd, 11 March 2026

5 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Senedd under Standing Order 21.7 – previously considered

(13.45 – 13.50)

5.1 SL(6)771 – Strategic Priorities and Objectives Statement to Ofwat issued under section 2B of the Water Industry Act 1991

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 10 – Report

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 11 – Welsh Government response

6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 12 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee, 11 March 2026

6.2 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Memorandum of Understanding between the Welsh Government, the North Sea Transition Authority and the UK Government

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 13 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 9 March 2026

6.3 Written Statement and correspondence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: The REACH (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 14 – Written Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 9 March 2026

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 15 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 9 March 2026

6.4 Written Statement and correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: The Provision of Services (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 16 – Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 9 March 2026

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 17 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, 9 March 2026

7 Papers to note

(13.55 – 14.00)

7.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: The Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 18 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, 6 March 2026

7.2 Correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Public Office (Accountability) Bill

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 19 – Letter from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, 6 March 2026

7.3 Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Publication of independent research into options for income tax devolution in Wales

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 20 – Written Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, 6 March 2026

7.4 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Finance Committee: Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 21 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Finance Committee, 10 March 2026

7.5 Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd: Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 22 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Llywydd, 10 March 2026

7.6 Correspondence between the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Welsh Government: UK–Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 23 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, 10 March 2026

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 24 – Letter from the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee to the First Minister, 26 February 2026

7.7 Correspondence from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee: Welsh Government's Legislative Improvement Plan

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 25 – Letter from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee, 12 March 2026

7.8 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales: Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Railways Bill

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 26 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, 12 March 2026

LJC(6)–09–26 – Paper 27 – Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, 24 February 2026

7.9 Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Welsh Government response to the President of Welsh Tribunals Sixth Annual Report 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 28 – Written Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery, 12 March 2026

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting
(14.00)

Private meeting

(14.00 – 14.10)

9 Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum on the Plant Varieties Act (Amendment) Regulations 2026: Draft report

(14.00 – 14.05)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 29 – Draft report

10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 5) on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

(14.05 – 14.10)

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Attached Documents:

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 30 – Legal Advice Note

LJC(6)-09-26 – Paper 31 – Draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education