

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 20 May 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.45**

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Assembly Members:

Christine Chapman AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Alun Davies AM
Jocelyn Davies AM
Janet Finch-Saunders AM
Mike Hedges AM
Mark Isherwood AM
Gwyn R Price AM
John Griffiths AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Justin Bates, Housing Law Practitioners Association
Lesley Griffiths AM, The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, Welsh Government
Simon White, Welsh Government
Neil Buffin, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Claire Morris (Second Clerk)
Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)
Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)
Jonathan Baxter (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM; John Griffiths AM, substituted for Gwenda Thomas in accordance with Standing Order 17.48.
- 1.3. Alun Davies AM and Janet Finch-Saunders AM declared interests as landlords in the private rented sector. Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM declared an interest as a tenant in the private rented sector.

2 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 10 – Housing Law Practitioners Association

2.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Justin Bates, Housing Law Practitioners Association

3 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 11 – Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

3.1 The Committee received evidence from:

- Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty
- Simon White, Bill Manager, Welsh Government
- Neil Buffin, Senior Lawyer, Legal Services, Welsh Government

3.2 The Committee would like to understand the underlying assumptions on which the calculations for the figures in the Regulatory Impact Assessment are based. The Minister agreed to share this information.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion

6 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: discussion of evidence received in sessions 10 and 11 and consideration of main themes

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received during the morning's session and also considered the main themes that have arisen during scrutiny of the Bill.

7 Inquiry into Poverty in Wales Strand 1: consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee did not reach this item. The Committee will consider the draft report after the half term recess.