

# Concise Minutes – Reform Bill Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 March  
2024

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.30

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	David Rees MS (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Darren Millar MS Sarah Murphy MS Jane Dodds MS
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip Will Whiteley, Welsh Government Jane Dodds MS Catrin Davies, Welsh Government Anna Hind, Welsh Government Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip Will Whiteley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Catherine Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Josh Hayman (Researcher)



	Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Claire Thomas (Researcher)
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## **1 Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: approach to Stage 1 scrutiny**

The Committee considered and agreed its approach to scrutiny.

## **2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest.

## **3 Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Evidence session with the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip**

The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip.

The Minister agreed to provide:

- Confirmation of whether the Welsh Government has sought external legal advice about legislative competence in relation to the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill.
- The costs to the Welsh Government associated with the last case considered by the Supreme Court in relation to the legislative competence of a Senedd Bill.

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Response from the Senedd Commission regarding the Stage 1 Report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 4 March 2024**

The Committee noted the letter.

**4.2 Response from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the Stage 1 Report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 5 March 2024**

The Committee noted the letter.

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

The Committee agreed the motion.

**6 Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence received.