

# Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 9 March 2020

Meeting time: 10.45 – 12.38

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair) Suzy Davies AM Carwyn Jones AM Dai Lloyd AM
Witnesses:	Geth Williams, Wales Office Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Rachael Davies (Deputy Clerk) Nia Moss (Researcher) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)



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

No apologies were received.

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

### **2.1 SL(5)512 – The Adoption Agencies (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and was content.

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

### **3.1 SL(5)507 – The Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and the Government response, and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified.

### **3.2 SL(5)508 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

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

### **3.3 SL(5)509 – The Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and the Government response, and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified.

### **3.4 SL(5)510 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting point identified. In addition, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to draw attention to the number of recent instruments which have been laid in breach of the 21 day rule.

### **3.5 SL(5)511 – The Adoption Agencies (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Committee considered the instrument and the Government response, and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting point identified.

## **4 Papers to note**

### **4.1 Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill**

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government.

### **4.2 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Competence for a vacant land tax in Wales**

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd.

### **4.3 Letter from the Counsel General: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 6:**

The Committee agreed the motion.

## **6 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: Draft report**

The Committee considered and agreed (subject to minor changes) its draft report on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill. Members noted the report would be laid by the required deadline of 13 March 2020.

## **7 Wales' Changing Constitution: Evidence session 5**

The Committee took evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales.

The Committee agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Wales to follow up on issues raised during the session.

## **8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

The Committee agreed the motion.

## **9 Wales' Changing Constitution: Consideration of evidence and key issues**

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the Secretary of State for Wales and the key issues to consider moving forward.