

Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 14 September
2020

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw MS (Chair) Carwyn Jones MS Dai Lloyd MS David Melding MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS Christine Wheeler, Welsh Government Catriona Hawthorne, Welsh Government Rhiannon Phillips, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk) Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) Craig Griffiths (Legal Adviser)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

There were no apologies or substitutions.

2 The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020: Evidence session

The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020.

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

3.1 SL(5)600 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.6) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument with the Government response and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to raise further points about the making and accessibility of Covid-19 related legislation.

3.2 SL(5)603 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to consider the Welsh Government response at a future meeting.

3.3 SL(5)604 – The Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

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

3.4 SL(5)599 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No 6) Regulations 2020

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

3.5 SL(5)602 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020

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

3.6 SL(5)601 – The Curriculum Requirements (Amendment of paragraph 7(6) of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument with the Government response and agreed to report to the Senedd in line with the reporting points 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(5)595 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020

The Committee noted the Government response and the letter from the First Minister in relation to The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020.

4.2 SL(5)596 – The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

The Committee noted the Government response to its report on The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020. In addition, the Committee noted a letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd in relation to the Regulations, which had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

5 Written statements under Standing Order 30C

5.1 WS-30C(5)166 – The Prohibition on Quantitative Restrictions (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The Committee noted the written statement and the commentary.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter from the Counsel General: Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations)

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General and that it had been sent in accordance with the Inter-institutional Relations Agreement.

6.2 Letter from the First Minister: Making Justice work in Wales

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister. The Committee noted that the First Minister and the Counsel General would be attending an evidence session on the Committee's inquiry into Making Justice work in Wales on 12 October 2020.

6.3 Letter from the President of Welsh Tribunals: Making Justice work in Wales

The Committee noted the letter from the President of Welsh Tribunals.

6.4 Letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill

The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and the response to its report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill.

6.5 Letter from the Counsel General: Inter-institutional Agreement – Intergovernmental Relations Review Ministerial Meetings

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General.

6.6 Letter from the First Minister: Legislation Handbook on Subordinate Legislation

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister.

6.7 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.

6.8 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.

6.9 Letter from the Counsel General: Section 109 Order

The Committee noted the letter from the Counsel General.

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

8 The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020: Consideration of evidence

The Committee considered the evidence received during the session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and agreed to consider draft reports on the Order at future meetings.

9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Fisheries Bill: Consideration of key issues

The Committee considered the key issues in relation to the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Fisheries Bill, and agreed to consider its draft report at the next meeting.

10 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of key issues and correspondence with the Minister

The Committee considered the key issues in relation to the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill, in addition to the correspondence received from the Minister for Housing and Local Government. The Committee agreed to consider its draft report at the next meeting.

11 Wales' Changing Constitution: Consideration of draft report

The Committee considered its draft report on Wales' Changing Constitution, and agreed to consider it again following the evidence session with the Counsel General on 21 September in relation to the UK Government's internal market proposals.