

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 November
2020

Meeting time: 14.00 – 15.42

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS Dai Lloyd MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition Sophie Brighthouse, Welsh Government Emily Hole, Welsh Government Ed Sherriff, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Nia Moss (Researcher) Rhun Davies (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Laura Jones.

1.3 Huw Irranca–Davies declared an interest as Chair of the European Advisory Group, Chair of the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee, and Chair of the Regional Investment Steering Group.

1.4 The Chair thanked Mandy Jones for her time on the Committee, as she is no longer a Member.

2 Scrutiny session with the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition

2.1 The Counsel General and Minister for European Transition responded to questions from Members.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd regarding scrutiny of Covid-19 regulations – 22 October 2020

3.1.1 The paper was noted.

3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding the draft Framework Outline Agreement for Hazardous Substances Planning – 26 October 2020

3.2.1 The paper was noted.

3.3 Paper to note 3: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding EEA EFTA negotiations – 27 October 2020

3.3.1 The paper was noted.

3.4 Paper to note 4: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding Intergovernmental Relations – 27 October 2020

3.4.1 The paper was noted.

3.5 Paper to note 5: Correspondence from the Minister of State for Trade Policy to the Chair regarding Trade Advisory Groups – 27 October 2020

3.5.1 The paper was noted.

3.6 Paper to note 6: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding Trade Advisory Groups – 29 October 2020

3.6.1 The paper was noted.

3.7 Paper to note 7: Correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair regarding the British–Irish Council – 3 November 2020

3.7.1 The paper was noted.

3.8 Paper to note 8: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the Chair regarding the Trade Bill 2020: Legislative Consent – 3 November 2020

3.8.1 The paper was noted.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Scrutiny session with the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition – consideration of evidence

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6 Consideration of international agreements

6.1 Members considered and noted the Amended Schedules to the Agreement on Government Procurement as a result of the 2012 protocol amending the agreement on government procurement, entering into force for Switzerland.