Concise Minutes – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Meeting Venue: This meeting can be viewed

Committee Room 1 – Senedd on Senedd TV at:

Meeting date: Monday, 24 February 2020 http://senedd.tv/en/5873

Meeting time: 14.30 - 14.56

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mick Antoniw AM (Chair)
	Carwyn Jones AM
	Dai Lloyd AM
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	P Gareth Williams (Clerk)
	Sarah Sargent (Second Clerk)
	Rachael Davies (Deputy Clerk)
	Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
	Rhiannon Lewis (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Suzy Davies AM.



- 2 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3
- 2.1 SL(5)497 The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales)
 (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, and in relation to the reporting points, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to highlight the importance of complete and accurate information for the purpose of access to legislation.

2.2 SL(5)500 - The National Park Authorities (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting points identified. In addition, and in relation to the third reporting point, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government with regards to the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments.

2.3 SL(5)498 – The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly in line with the reporting point identified, and to highlight implications as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union.

- Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 but have implications as a result of the UK exiting the EU
- 3.1 SL(5)494 The Food for Specific Groups (Information and Compositional Requirements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the European Union.

3.2 SL(5)495 - The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the instrument and agreed to report to the Assembly to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the European Union.

- 4 Instruments that raise issues to be reported to the Assembly under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3 previously considered
- 4.1 SL(5)491 The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.)
 (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Committee considered the Government's response to its report and agreed to write to seek further clarification on the steps intended to be taken in order to correct the identified errors.

- 5 Papers to note
- 5.1 Letter from the First Minister: Wales' Changing Constitution

The Committee noted the letter from the First Minister.

5.2 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to the Llywydd: Withdrawal of Statutory Instruments

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

5.3 Letter from Lord Kinnoull, Chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee: Engagement with devolved legislatures

The Committee noted the letter from Lord Kinnoull, and agreed to respond to confirm its intention to have continued engagement with the European Union Committee.

5.4 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: UK Wide Statutory Instrument –
The Financing, Management and Monitoring of Direct Payments (Amendment)
Regulations 2020

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

5.5 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: UK Wide Statutory Instrument –
The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers (Amendment) Regulations 2020

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

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

The Committee agreed the motion.

7 Consideration of a future inquiry

The Committee considered revised terms of reference for a future inquiry into justice-related matters, and agreed to make a decision about the appointment of an expert adviser at the next meeting.

8 Legislative Consent Memorandums - approach to scrutiny

The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandums on the UK Government's Agriculture and Fisheries Bills.