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Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Yr Arglwydd / Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas Bywgraffiad Biography	Annibynnol Independent
Huw Irranca-Davies Bywgraffiad Biography	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Committee Chair)
Dai Lloyd Bywgraffiad Biography	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
David Melding Bywgraffiad Biography	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives

Swyddogion Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru yn bresennol
National Assembly for Wales officials in attendance

Ruth Hatton	Dirprwy Clerc Deputy Clerk
Gareth Howells	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Tanwen Summers	Clerc Clerk
Dr Alys Thomas	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Gareth Williams	Clerc Clerk
Stephen Davies	Uwch-gynghorydd Cyfreithiol Senior Legal Adviser

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 14:30.
The meeting began at 14:30.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau, Dirprwyon a Datganiadau o Fuddiant Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

[1] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's session on Monday 26 June 2017, and our meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. Under item No. 1 on the agenda, beyond the normal introductory remarks on simultaneous translation, fire procedures and so on, we have one set of apologies, and that's from Nathan Gill. So, we duly note the apologies from Nathan. We have no other apologies—a full set of Members is here.

Papurau i'w Nodi Papers to Note

[2] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** So, we'll move on to item No. 2, where we have papers to note, and we have quite a few papers to note this afternoon. Our first paper is the letter from the Finance Committee on scrutiny of the draft budget, and I would invite Members to note the letter from the Finance Committee. Of course, although we don't undertake scrutiny of the draft budget, Members may wish to note the proposed changes to Standing Orders within that letter. Are we happy to note?

[3] **Dai Lloyd:** Bodlon. **Dai Lloyd:** Content.

[4] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** Diolch yn fawr.

[5] **Lord Elis-Thomas:** Are we allowed to welcome them if we want to go beyond noting?

[6] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** You can indeed. We can put it on record that—

[7] **Lord Elis-Thomas:** Well, I would be—. When I was involved in scrutiny in various places, I thought this was always a weakness, especially here, and now it'll enable us to look at the budget in proper detail. It's really good news for the scrutiny side of the Assembly.

[8] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** Very good. Well, we'll certainly note that, and it's on record. There might be an opportunity, as well, Dafydd, to raise this and discuss it at the scrutiny of the First Minister session, as well, which is within a couple of weeks. It's in July. It's within the next couple of weeks. So, thank

you very much, Dafydd.

[9] And, then, if we move on to paper No. 2, which is a written statement on the consideration of an interpretation Act for Wales. We have the written statement by the Counsel General. Again, I invite Members to note this, and to consider responding to the consultation, which we can discuss further in a private session if Members want to. Are you content to note for now?

[10] **David Melding:** Yes.

[11] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** There we are. Thank you very much.

[12] And then we move forward to paper 3, and paper 4, the former being a letter from the First Minister. Members will recall that we wrote to the First Minister in April notifying him of our intention to bring forward a committee Bill relating to the previous considerations we'd had on the commissioners' accountability, et cetera. So, a copy of that original letter is attached, but also the response from the First Minister. Are there any comments or observations, or are we happy to note for now and return to this?

[13] **Dai Lloyd:** Happy.

[14] **Huw Irranca-Davies:** Happy to note. Okay, and we can return to this later.

[15] And then we move on to paper No. 5, a letter from the Llywydd to the Secretary of State for Wales on Brexit and the great repeal Bill. It's quite an extensive letter, and, again, I'd invite Members to note the letter along with the evidence the Llywydd gave to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on 'The Great Repeal Bill White Paper: Implications for Wales'. Are we happy to note or do we have any observations at the moment? Happy to note for now. Thank you very much. Just to point out, of course, in terms of that piece of correspondence, it'll be relevant to next week's scrutiny session, as well.

[16] And then we move on to paper No. 6, which is a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children on the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill. If Members are happy to note that letter from the Cabinet Secretary, because it does relate to consequential amendments in the Bill that we're to consider later on in the agenda in private session—. So, if you're happy to note it now, we can return to that

letter and how it affects our consideration. Content.

[17] **Dai Lloyd:** Bodlon, **Dai Lloyd:** Content.

[18] **Huw Irranca–Davies:** Diolch.

14:34

**Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i Benderfynu Gwahardd y Cyhoedd
o'r Cyfarfod
Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to Resolve to Exclude the Public
from the Meeting**

Cynnig:

Motion:

*bod y pwyllgor yn penderfynu that the committee resolves to
gwahardd y cyhoedd o weddill y exclude the public from the
cyfarfod yn unol â Rheol Sefydlog remainder of the meeting in
17.42(ix) a (vi).*

*accordance with Standing Order
17.42(ix) and (vi).*

Cynigiwyd y cynnig.

Motion moved.

[19] **Huw Irranca–Davies:** And then, having disposed of the several papers to note there, under item 3 on the agenda, I would like to move, if Members are happy, under Standing Order 17.42, to resolve to meet in private. Content?

[20] **David Melding:** Agreed.

[21] **Dai Lloyd:** Bodlon. **Dai Lloyd:** Content.

[22] **Huw Irranca–Davies:** Thank you very much. We'll move to private session, please.

Derbyniwyd y cynnig.

Motion agreed.

*Daeth rhan gyhoeddus y cyfarfod i ben am 14:34.
The public part of the meeting ended at 14:34.*

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