The Welsh Affairs Committee

The Welsh Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (including relations with the National Assembly for Wales).

Current membership

David T.C. Davies MP (Conservative, Monmouth) (Chair)
Guto Bebb MP (Conservative, Aberconwy)
Geraint Davies MP (Labour, Swansea West)
Glyn Davies MP (Conservative, Montgomeryshire)
Stephen Doughty MP (Labour/Co-operative, Cardiff South and Penarth)
Jonathan Edwards MP (Plaid Cymru, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)
Nia Griffith MP (Labour, Llanelli)
Simon Hart MP (Conservative, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)
Mrs Siân C. James MP (Labour, Swansea East)
Karen Lumley MP (Conservative, Redditch)
Jessica Morden MP (Labour, Newport East)
Mr Mark Williams MP (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)

Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the internet via www.parliament.uk

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the internet at www.parliament.uk/welshcom

The Reports of the Committee, the formal minutes relating to that report, oral evidence taken and some or all written evidence are available in printed volumes.

Additional written evidence may be published on the internet only.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is Marek Kubala (Clerk), Anwen Rees (Committee Specialist), Shane Murray (Senior Committee Assistant), Baris Tufekci (Committee Assistant) and Jessica Bridges-Palmer (Media Officer).

Contacts

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TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Simon Hart
Geraint Davies  Mrs. Siân C. James
Stephen Doughty  Jessica Morden
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Mark Williams
Nia Griffith

1. Energy Generation in Wales: Shale Gas

Draft Report (Energy Generation in Wales: Shale Gas), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 284.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on his responsibilities.

3. Financial scrutiny

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Main Estimate 2014-15 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Supplementary Estimate 2013-14 submitted by the Wales Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

IRW 23 – Arts Council Wales
IRW 24 – Welsh Government and Visit Wales
IRW 25 – Mike Morgan
IRW 27 – Professor Annette Pritchard
IRW 28 – Justin Albert
Mike Morgan, Proprietor of Llansantffraed Court Hotel, Abergavenny, and co-owner of Welsh Rarebits, and Justin Albert, Director for Wales, National Trust, and Vice President, Hay Festival, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 June at 9.15am.

Monday 16 June

The Chair, Guto Bebb, Jonathan Edwards, Simon Hart, Jessica Morden, and Mrs Siân C. James visited the British Council Wales office in Cardiff, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 1 April 2014.

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Jonathan Edwards
Glyn Davies  Nia Griffith
Stephen Doughty  Jessica Morden

1. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

3. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies
Michael Carrick, Chief Executive Officer, Aventa Capital Partners Ltd, and Huw Roberts, Chairman, Institute of Directors Wales; Dr Sioned Puw Rowlands, Director, Wales Literature Exchange, Geraint Talfan Davies, Chair, Welsh National Opera, and Iestyn Garlick, Chair, Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru (TAC) (Welsh Independent Producers); David Anderson, Director General, Amgueddfya Cymru (National Museum Wales), Nick Capaldi, Chief Executive, Arts Council of Wales, and Rt Hon the Lord Dafydd Wigley, President, Steering Committee for 150 year Patagonia celebrations, Wales-Argentina Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 July at 9.15am

TUESDAY 1 JULY 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  Nia Griffith
Geraint Davies  Simon Hart
Glyn Davies  Mrs. Siân C. James
Jonathan Edwards  Jessica Morden
1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cardiff in September 2014, in connection with the inquiry into International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies and other matters.

2. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Jenny Scott, Country Director Wales, British Council Wales, and Simon Dancey, Global Director Cultural Skills, British Council; Patricia Yates, Strategy and Communications Director, and David Bishop, Head of Strategy, VisitBritain, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9th July at 2.15pm]

Wednesday 2 July

The Chair, Stephen Doughty, Jonathan Edwards, Simon Hart, Mrs Siân C. James, and Mr Mark Williams visited the BT Openreach headquarters in London, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 13 May 2014.

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  
Geraint Davies  
Glyn Davies  
Jonathan Edwards  
Nia Griffith  
Jessica Morden

1. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Rt Hon David Jones, MP, Secretary of State, Wales Office, Lord Livingston of Parkhead, Minister for Trade and Investment, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, and Dominic Jermey, Chief Executive, UK Trade and Investment, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15th July at 2.10pm]

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb  
Geraint Davies  
Nia Griffith  
Simon Hart
1. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Newtown and Hereford in November 2014, in connection with its inquiry into Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales.

2. Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Oakwood in November 2014, in connection with its inquiry into Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PIW 01 – Women in Prison
PIW 02 – HM Chief Inspector of Prisons
PIW 03 – Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services, Welsh Government
PIW 04 – Christopher Salmon, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys
PIW 05 – Youth Justice Board for England and Wales
PIW 06 – POA
PIW 07 – Howard League for Penal Reform
PIW 08 – North Wales Local Authority Leaders’ Group
PIW 09 – Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business, Welsh Government
PIW 11 – Wrexham County Borough Council on behalf of the Six North Wales Local Authorities
PIW 12 – Prison Reform Trust
PIW 14 – Ministry of Justice
PIW 15 – Barnardo’s Cymru
PIW 17 – Welsh Language Commissioner
PIW 18 – Robert Jones, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University

3. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

IRW 29 – VisitBritain Supplementary Evidence
IRW 30 – Dr John Ball Supplementary Evidence
IRW 31 – Stephen Bristow Supplementary Evidence
IRW 32 – Welsh Association of Visitor Attractions – Southern Region

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14th October at 9.15am

Monday 8 September

The Chair, Jonathan Edwards, and Mr Mark Williams visited Cardiff in connection with the inquiry into International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies and other matters, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 1 July 2014.

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair
Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Glyn Davies
Jonathan Edwards
Nia Griffith
Simon Hart
Mrs. Siân C. James
Jessica Morden

1. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Draft Report (International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 337.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

IRW 33 – Edwina Hart AM
IRW 34 – VisitBritain (supplementary)
IRW 35 – Michael Carrick, Chief Executive, Aventa Capital Partners

2. Energy generation in Wales: Shale Gas

Draft Special Report (Energy generation in Wales: Shale Gas: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2014-15), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.
Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CBH 01 – Ms E. Swinglehurst, Herefordshire
CBH 02 – Older People’s Commissioner for Wales
CBH 03 – Healthwatch Shropshire
CBH 04 – Brecknock and Radnor Community Health Council and Montgomeryshire Community Health Council
CBH 05 – Action4OurCare
CBH 06 – Ms J. Thompson, Monmouth
CBH 08 – Cheshire West and Chester Council
CBH 09 – Major (Retired) R. Taylor, Gloucestershire
CBH 10 – Ms S. Hunt, Monmouth
CBH 11 – Dr Julie Davies, Director of Strategy and Service Redesign, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group
CBH 12 – Neuro Voice Powys
CBH 13 – Jane Dodds, Montgomeryshire
CBH 15 – Tenovus
CBH 16 – Welsh NHS Confederation
CBH 17 – NHS West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
CBH 18 – Jesse Norman, MP for Hereford and South Herefordshire
CBH 19 – Professor Trevor Purt, Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
CBH 20 – Genetic Alliance UK
CBH 21 – Royal College of Physicians
CBH 22 – Rarer Cancers Foundation
CBH 23 – St Briavels Parish Council
CBH 24 – Shropshire Council
CBH 26 – Powys Teaching Health Board
CBH 28 – Ms V. Medley
CBH 30 – Department of Health and NHS England
CBH 31 – Meri Huws, Comisiynydd Y Gymraeg/Welsh Language Commissioner
CBH 32 – Powys County Council
CBH 33 – Ms D. Mariana Robinson, Monmouth
CBH 34 – Mr K. W. Ivin, Tutshill
CBH 35 – NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

4. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22nd October at 2.15pm

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Geraint Davies
Glyn Davies
Stephen Doughty
Jonathan Edwards

Nia Griffith
Simon Hart
Mrs. Siân C. James
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

1. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales
Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Glynne Jones, Director, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28th October at 9.15am

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards
Nia Griffith

Mrs. Siân C. James
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

1. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Financial scrutiny

Ordered, That the correspondence between the Chair and the Secretary of State for Wales on the Wales Office Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 be reported to the House for
4. International Representation and Promotion of Wales by UK bodies

Ordered, That the correspondence between the Chair and Anna Soubry MP, Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans, on St Athan airfield be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   PIW 19 – Standing Committee for Youth Justice
   PIW 20 – Kevin Lockyer

Nick Hardwick, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, and Dusty Kennedy, Head of Youth Justice Board Cymru, Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18th November at 9.15am]

Tuesday 4 November

The Chair, Glyn Davies, Jonathan Edwards, Nia Griffith, Mrs Siân C. James, Jessica Morden, and Mr Mark Williams visited HMP Oakwood in connection with the inquiry into Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 July 2014.

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb                 Simon Hart
Geraint Davies           Mrs. Siân C. James
Glyn Davies              Jessica Morden
Nia Griffith

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on his responsibilities.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on City Regions.

2. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales

Ordered, That the correspondence between Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP and Nia Griffith MP be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CBH 39 – Mr CH Wynn-Jones FRCS and Mrs SKA Wynn-Jones
CBH 40 – Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

Helen Birtwhistle, Director, NHS Confederation, Alan Brace, Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Procurement, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, and Angela Hopkins, Director of Nursing, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Jesse Norman, MP for Hereford and South Herefordshire, and Mrs Pamela Plummer, Action4OurCare, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December at 9.15am

Monday 24 November

The Chair, Glyn Davies, Nia Griffith, Jessica Morden, and Mr Mark Williams visited Newtown and Hereford to hold outreach meetings in connection with the inquiry into Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 July 2014.

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2014

Members present:
David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Jonathan Edwards
Nia Griffith
Simon Hart
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CBH 41 – 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
CBH 42 – British Medical Association

Tony Chambers, Chief Executive, Countess of Chester Hospital, Caroline Smith, Senior Manager Engagement and Inclusion, Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Julie Davies, Director of Strategy and Service Redesign, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group; Councillor Darren Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Services, Powys County Council, Frederick Davies, Vice-Chair of the Visiting, Monitoring and Scrutiny Committee, Brecknock and Radnor Community Health Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December at 9.15am
1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PIW 21 – Prison Governors’ Association

3. Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Cross-border health arrangements between England and Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

CBH 43 – Bishop’s Castle Patients Group
CBH 45 – Ms S. Stevens
CBH 47 – Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
CBH 48 – Royal Pharmaceutical Society
CBH 49 – Department of Health (supplementary evidence)
CBH 50 – Shropshire Council

Dr Alan Rees RCP, Vice President for Wales, Royal College of Physicians, Dr Frank Joseph RCP, Acute Care Fellow, Royal College of Physicians, Dr Stephen Kelly, Welsh Consultants Committee, British Medical Association Wales, Dr Peter Horvarth-Howard, General Practitioners Committee, British Medical Association Wales, Andrew Wilson-Webb, Chief Executive, Rarer Cancers Foundation, Emma Hughes, Development Officer for Wales, Genetic Alliance UK, Jane Ellison MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health, Ben Dyson, Director of NHS Group, Department of Health, and Ian Dodge, National Director for Commissioning Strategy, NHS England, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8th January at 9.15am]
DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

14 July 2010: declaration of Members’ interests

**Guto Bebb:**
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Proprietor of Egin Partnership, Caban, Brynrefail, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3NR, an economic consultancy.

Sponsorships: Donation of £5,000 to the constituency association from the Patrons Club of Conwy, Caerhun Hall, Ty’n Groes, Conwy LL32 8HX, a private members club. The constituency association will report this donation to the Electoral Commission.

**David T.C. Davies:**
Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK): As a serving Special Constable with the British Transport Police, 25 Camden Road, London NW1 9LN, I may travel for free on London transport in return for intervening if I see a crime or if someone needs first aid. Remunerated consultancy work for Phoenix Chinese News & Entertainment Co. Ltd Television and Radio Station Operators and president of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association

Sponsorships: Donation of £3,000 from Ronald Hear, The Old Manor, Forge Road, Osbaston, Monmouth, NP25 3AZ which has been reported to the Electoral Commission.

**Geraint Davies:**
Sponsorships: Donation of £4,500 from the GMB, Newport Road, Cardiff and a donation of £3,000 from the Cooperative Party, 1 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, which have been reported to the Electoral Commission.

Land and Property: Two properties in London for which rental is received.

Registrable shareholdings: In Pure Crete Ltd, a tour operator to Crete.

**Jonathan Edwards:**
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payments of £30 from BBC Wales, PO Box 480, Manchester M14 OEL, for a 30 minute appearance on a radio programme on 21 June 2010, and £100 from Boomerang, 218 Heol Penarth, Caerdydd CF11 8NN, for three hours media work.

**Nia Griffith:**
Land and Property: Small holding in Camarthenshire.

**Karen Lumley:**
Directorships: RKL Geological Services, 4 Grove Road, Wrexham LL11 1AY, a geological consultancy company.
Sponsorships: Donation of £500 per month to my constituency party from Loxton Developments Ltd, Longbourn Farm, Pittern Hill, Kineton. Warwick CU35 0JF, company registration number 02171248.

Jessica Morden:
Nil.

Mr Mark Williams:
Sponsorships: Donation of £2,000 from Mr Clive Jenkins.

Mrs Siân C James
Ownership of a house in Neath

6 November 2012

Glyn Davies:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:

Self-employed farmer.

Land and Property

Two-bedroom flat at Century Wharf, Cardiff Bay.
Farmland, house and buildings near Castle Caereinion, Montgomeryshire.
Farmland, house and buildings near Llanefydd, Montgomeryshire.
I receive rental income from all the above properties.

9 January 2013

Stephen Doughty:
Sponsorships: Donation of £2,636.29 from Mr Clive Jones.

Miscellaneous: Unremunerated trustee, Moorland Day Centre.

Simon Hart:
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payments received as Trustee of the Sundorne Estate. Payments for administration and attending meetings made by Balfours, Windsor House, Windsor Place, Shrewsbury SY1 2BY: Payment of £850. Hours: 5 hrs.

DECLARATION OF SPECIALIST ADVISERS’ INTERESTS
22 October 2013

Alan Trench:
Remunerated interests:
Professor of Politics, School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy, University of Ulster
Consultant to Institute for Public Policy Research for ‘Devo More’ project
Commissioned research for ‘Wales in a Changing Union’ project, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University
Occasional teaching for Cardiff Law School, Cardiff University

Unremunerated interests:
Adviser to Scottish Conservative Party working group on devolution
Honorary fellow, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh
Honorary senior research associate, The Constitution Unit, University College London
Author, ‘Devolution Matters’ blog