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

Dr Hywel Francis MP (Labour, Aberavon) (Chairman)
Mr David T.C. Davies MP (Conservative, Monmouth)
Ms Nia Griffith MP (Labour, Llanelli)
Mrs Siân C. James MP (Labour, Swansea East)
Mr David Jones MP (Conservative, Clwyd West)
Mr Martyn Jones MP (Labour, Clwyd South)
Rt Hon Alun Michael MP (Labour and Co-operative, Cardiff South and Penarth)
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Mr Mark Pritchard MP (Conservative, The Wrekin)
Mr Mark Williams MP (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)
Mr Hywel Williams MP (Plaid Cymru, Caernarfon)

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/parliamentary_committees/welsh_affairs_committee.cfm

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is Dr Sue Griffiths (Clerk), Alison Groves (Second Clerk), Anwen Rees (Inquiry Manager), Christine Randall (Senior Committee Assistant), Annabel Goddard (Committee Assistant), Tes Stranger (Committee Support Assistant) and Rebecca Jones (Media Officer).

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Formal Minutes of the Committee,
Session 2008-09

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Health

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to the Severn tunnel

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Anglesey County Council
Bristol Airport
Manchester Airport
Railfuture

Steve Hodgetts, Business Development Director, Cardiff International Airport,
Bob Longworth, Ground Transport Manager, Manchester Airport, and Martin Evans,
External Research Fellow, Wales Transport Research Centre, University of Glamorgan,
gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 15 December at 2 pm at the
National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay]
MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2008

The Committee met at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Alun Michael
Mark Williams
Hywel Williams

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

Elin Jones AM, Minister for Rural Affairs, Huw Brodie, Director of Rural Affairs, and Dorian Brunt, Legal Services, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Geth Williams, Policy Adviser, Wales Office, and Bill Scriven, Head of Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, DEFRA, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 16 December at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Mr Martyn Jones
Alun Michael
Hywel Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers

The Chairman declared an interest in relation to this inquiry as Vice-president of Carers UK, and a sponsor of the Carers (Equal Opportunities) Bill, Session 2003-04.

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers.

Ordered, That Professor Luke Clements, Cardiff Law School, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers.

Professor Clements declared no interests.

3. Digital inclusion

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The provision of cross border public services for Wales: Further and Higher Education

Draft Report (The provision of cross border public services for Wales: Further and Higher Education) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 57.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 January at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  Alun Michael
Mr David Jones  Mark Williams

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.
3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Monday 19 January at 3 pm
at Newport International Sports Village

MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009

The Committee met at Newport International Sports Village

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Hywel Williams

1. Potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Councillor Alana Davies
Fields in Trust
Union of Welsh Independent Churches
Sports Council Wales
Welsh Sports Association
WLGA
Welsh Assembly Government
Wales Tourism Alliance
Visit Britain
Federation of Disability Sport Wales
DCMS
British Olympic Association

2. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.
The Chairman declared an interest in that the Afan Forest Park biking trails are in his constituency.


[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 January at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Alun Michael
Mark Pritchard

Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Estonia, Finland and Sweden in connection with its inquiries into Ports in Wales and Digital Inclusion in Wales, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

2. Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008

Draft Special Report, (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Seventh 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 Chairman make the Report to the House.
3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers

Ordered, That Mr Jonathan Rees be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers.

Mr Rees declared no interests.

4. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the decision to transfer business support for civil legal aid work out of Wales.

5. All Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Olympics and Paralympics, and Alan Bucknall, Government Olympic Executive, Head of Olympic Legacy, Department of Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

7. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Draft Report (Globalisation and its impact on Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 184.

8. Welsh Language Society

The Committee considered this matter.

9. The provision of cross border health services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.
10. Higher Education Wales Breakfast

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 February at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mark Pritchard
Mark Williams

Hywel Williams

1. The provision of cross border public services in Wales: transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the provision of cross border public services in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Birmingham International Airport
First Cymru Buses
Liverpool Airport
National Express
Transport for London

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Age Concern
Carers Wales

3. Digital Inclusion

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to digital inclusion in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
CBI Wales
Emeritus Professor Peter Cobbold
Mobile Operators’ Association
Open University Wales
T Mobile UK
University of Wales, Newport
Welsh Language Board

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Scrutiny of proposed National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Orders

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009.

7. Subordinate Legislation Committee of the National Assembly for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

8. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008

Draft Report (The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 5.

9. Work of the Committee Session 2007-08

Draft Report (Work of the Committee Session 2007-08) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 252.

10. Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate

The Committee considered this matter.

11. Welsh Affairs debate on 26 February 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 February at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James        Albert Owen
Mr David Jones        Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael        Hywel Williams

1. Digital Inclusion

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to digital inclusion in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BT
Community Broadband Network
Get Safe Online
NIACE Dysgu Cymru
Ofcom
Skillset
Welsh Assembly Government
Wise kids

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Bangor in connection with its inquiries into Digital Inclusion and Ports in Wales.
3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into English-Language Broadcasting in Wales.

5. The provision of cross border public services in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Neil Pakey, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Paul Kehoe, Chief Executive Officer, and John Morris, Head of Corporate Affairs, Birmingham International Airport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 2 March at 10 a.m.

MONDAY 2 MARCH 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones    Hywel Williams
Alun Michael       Mark Williams

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers

The Chairman declared an interest in relation to this inquiry as Vice-president of Carers UK, a sponsor of the Carers (Equal Opportunities) Bill, Session 2003-04, and as Chairman of Neath Port Talbot Carers movement.

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 submitted by Conwy County Borough Council be reported to the house for publication on the internet.
Gwenda Thomas AM, Minister for Social Services, John Carter, Head of Vulnerable Adults and Carers Team, Health and Social Services Department, and Therese Gray, Senior Lawyer, Social Care, Legal Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Chris Stevens, Legislation Policy Officer, Wales Office, and Elaine Edgar, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 March at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

1. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to digital inclusion in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

3G
Dr Ben Anderson, Essex University
Geo Networks
ITV Wales
Professor Sonia Livingstone, LSE
Online Centres
Online Safety Institute
Orange
Virgin Media
Vodafone

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That Dr Diarmaith MacGiolla Chriost be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009.

Dr MacGiolla Chriost declared no interests.

Ordered, That Dr Maeve Conrick be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009.

Dr Conrick declared no interests

4. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Ben Anderson, Essex University, and Dr Neil Selwyn, London Institute of Education; Rhodri Williams, Director, Robin Blake, Head of Media Literacy, and Hywel Wiliam, Head of Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Ofcom Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 March at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies Mark Pritchard
Mrs Siân James Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones Mark Williams
Alun Michael

1. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to digital inclusion in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Ordered, That the Open University be authorised to publish their written evidence on Digital Inclusion in Wales, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses relating to be reported to the House for publication on the internet: Celebrating our language Celtic Language Dr Huw Thomas, CYDAG Alun Llewelyn, Cyng Dr Dalby Federation of Small Businesses Bedwyr Griffiths Eifion Lloyd Jones Llais Gwynedd Mentrau Iaith Cymru Merched y Wawr Mobile Broadband Operators Parents for Welsh Medium Education Dr Parry Urdd Gobaith Cymru Welsh Chartered Institute of marketing Wales board Welsh Language Society Adam West WLGA Gareth Wood

3. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Bangor University
Citizens Advice Bureau
Brian Gibbons
GMB and FDA
Law Society
Ministry of Justice
Morgans
Shelter Cymru
Legal Services Commission Wales Office GMB and FDA Union
Welsh Refugee Council

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee meet informally via video link with Welsh Assembly Legislation Committee No. 3 to discuss the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers.

6. Universities in Wales – visas for students

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Welsh Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee further considered this matter.

Ann Beynon, Director, BT Wales, and Simon Paul, Inclusion Programme Manager, BT; Chris Smedley Chief Executive Officer, Geo, and Jon James, Director of Broadband, Virgin Media, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 March at 10 a.m.]
1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- BT
- CBI
- Anna Felicity Roberts

2. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office submitted by Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under Secretary Of State, Ministry of Justice be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Welsh Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.
6. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Emma Wilson, Head of Public Affairs, Vodafone UK, and Tom Brookes, Director of Government Affairs, Europe, Middle East and Africa, Apple; Adrian Poole, Head of Technology, Rhodri Talfan Davies, Head of Strategy and Communications, BBC Cymru Wales, David Scott, Chief Executive, Gwenllian Carr, National Manager for Wales, Digital UK, and Wilf White, Director of Policy, Digital Switchover Help Scheme, gave oral evidence.

7. The Provision of cross-border health services for Wales

Report (The Provision of cross-border health services for Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 56.

8. Appearance of ministers from devolved administrations

Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Chairman of the Liaison Committee regarding the appearance of Ministers from the devolved administrations to give evidence to select committees.

[Adjourned until Monday 23 March at 4 p.m.]

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  Alun Michael
Nia Griffith  Hywel Williams
Mrs Siân James  Mark Williams
Mr David Jones

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Cered
Institute of Directors
Welsh Language Board

2. Leave to publish written evidence

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That BT be authorised to publish their written evidence on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Chairman and Hywel Williams declared an interest as members of the Gorsedd.

David Rosser, Director, and Leighton Jenkins, Assistant Director, Policy, CBI, gave oral evidence. Menna Machreth, Chair of Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg, Sian Howys, Policy Officer, Sioned Haf, Campaigns Officer, Alun Owens, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, and Hywel James, Parents for Welsh Medium Education, Cymdeithas yr Iaith and Mudiadau Dathlu'r Gymraeg, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language. Hamish MacLeod, Chairman The Mobile Broadband Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 March at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith                  Alun Michael
Mrs Siân James               Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Visit to Bangor

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Further and higher education

Draft Special Report, (Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Further and higher education: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, 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 Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

4. Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Big Lottery Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

6. All-Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

David Jones declared an interest as Senior Partner, David Jones & Company, solicitors, Llandudno.

Alun Michael declared an interest as honorary president of Cardiff Citizens’ Advice Bureau.

Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Carolyn Regan, Chief Executive, Phil Lambert, Executive Director, Business Support, and Paul Davies, Director, Wales, Legal Services Commission, gave oral evidence.
8. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Minister for the Economy and Transport, James Price, Director of Transport & Strategic Regeneration, Tony Parker, Director of Integrated Transport Division, and Martin Stevenson, Principal Advisor Transport Policy, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 30 March at 3.45 p.m.

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith
Mr David Jones
Alun Michael

Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

E-on UK plc
RWE Npower
Scottish Power
Virgin Media
Wales TUC

Meri Huws, Chair, Meirion Prys Jones, Chief Executive, and Gwyn Jones, Director of Policy and Terminology, Welsh Language Board, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language. Non Rhys, Wales Policy Manager, and Nia Davies, Wales Policy Officer, Federation of Small Businesses, gave oral evidence. Ann Beynon, Director, Wales, BT, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 31 March at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones
Hywel Williams
Alun Michael
Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Bangor

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Stuart Cole be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Ports.

Professor Cole declared no interests.

Ordered, That Mr Khalid Bichou be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Ports.

Mr Bichou declared no interests.

5. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Scrutiny of proposed National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Orders

The Committee considered this matter.
7. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Alun Michael declared an interest as chair of the Internet Governance Forum.

Professor Sonia Livingstone, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics, David Miles, European Development Director, Family Online Safety Institute, and Robin Blake, Head of Media Literacy, Ofcom; Tony Neate Get Safe Online, and Det. Ch. Supt. Christopher Corcoran, Divisional Commander, Crime Services, E-Crime Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 20 April at 4 p.m.]

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams
Albert Owen

1. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scrutiny of proposed National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Orders

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Bangor

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Dr Robert Dunbar  
Government of Catalonia  
Rt Hon Peter Hain (on behalf of Ronald and Pauline King)  
Royal National Institute of Blind People in Wales

Mr Bernat Joan i Mari, Secretary for Language Policy, and Mr Jordi Bosch i Garcia, Secretary for Telecommunications, Office of the Catalan Government; Matt Rogerson, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Virgin Media, Sara Vaughan, Director of Regulation and Energy Policy, E-on, and Tony Dicicco, Head of Government Relations, RWE, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 April at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones  

Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Bangor

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Baltic ports

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The future of local newspapers in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the future of local newspapers in Wales.
5. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008

Draft Special Report, (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008 Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

6. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 relating to carers

Draft Report (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 306.

7. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office

Report (Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 374.

8. Appearance of ministers from devolved administrations

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Monday 27 April at 10 a.m.]
MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Mark Pritchard
Mrs Siân James  Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones  Mark Williams
Alun Michael

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Consumer Focus Wales
Passenger Focus
Quebec Language Policy Secretariat
Wales Tourism Alliance

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Minister for Heritage, Huw Onllwyn Jones, Head of Welsh Language and Media Policy, and Nerys Arch, Senior Lawyer, Legal Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government gave oral evidence. Parts of this evidence were in the Welsh language. Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Geth Williams, Head of Legislation Policy, and James George, Legal Adviser, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 March at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  Albert Owen
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Bangor

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Baltic ports

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Environment) Order 2009.

5. Scrutiny of proposed National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Orders

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that Mr Martyn Jones take the Chair of the Committee during the Committee’s inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009.

6. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.


[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 May at 2 p.m.]
Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams
Alun Owen

1. English Language Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating English Language Broadcasting in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

BBC
Channel 4
Alun Davies AM
Equity
Institute of Welsh Affairs
ITV
National Union of Journalists
S4C
Welsh Assembly Government

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Severn Tunnel in connection with its inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport.

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That Professor Robert Lee be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009.

Professor Lee declared no interests.

5. Specialist Advisers

The Committee considered this matter.

6. All Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

7. English Language Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Rhodri Williams, Director, Wales, Sue Balsom, Content Board Member for Wales, and Hywel Wiliam, Head of Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Wales, Ofcom; John Walter Jones, Chair, S4C Authority, and Iona Jones, Chief Executive, S4C; Michael Jermey, Director of News, Current Affairs and Sport, ITV, and Elis Owen, National Director, ITV Wales; Mark Byford, Deputy Director-General, BBC, Menna Richards, Director, BBC Cymru Wales, and Clare Hudson, Head of Programmes, English Language, BBC Cymru Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 11 May at 2.15 pm at Bangor University]

MONDAY 11 MAY 2009

The Committee met at Bangor University

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Alun Michael
Mr Martyn Jones

1. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to ports in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
British Ports Association
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport
Port of Mostyn
Rail Freight Group
Royal Yachting Association
Unite

Ordered, That Unite be authorised to publish their written evidence on ports in Wales, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

2. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Huw Gapper, Head of Central Government Unit, and Gwenith Price, Director of Language Schemes, Welsh Language Board, gave oral evidence. This evidence was in the Welsh language. Rob Humphreys, Director, Jane Williams, Assistant Director, and Dewi Knight, Policy & Public Affairs Manager, Open University; David Learmont, Director of Information, and Sian Hope, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer & Enterprise, Bangor University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 14 May at 10.30 am

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Draft Special Report, (Globalisation and its impact on Wales: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.
The Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

3. Scrutiny of National Planning Policy Statements

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Potential Benefits of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games for Wales

Draft Report (Potential Benefits of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games for Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 162.

6 All Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 May at 9.45 am

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith                     Alun Michael
Mr David Jones                  Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The newspaper industry in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Lord Carter CBE, Minister for Communications, Technology and Broadcasting, and Jon Zeff, Director of Media, Department for Culture, Media and Sport; Rt Hon Paul Murphy, MP, Secretary of State for Wales and Minister for Digital Inclusion, Bert Provan, Senior Civil Servant, Cross-Government Digital Inclusion Team, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Andy Carter, Head of Broadband Policy, Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 2 June at 10 am]

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams
Albert Owen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Scrutiny of proposed Legislative Competence Orders

The Committee considered this matter.
3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order 2009.

Resolved, that Hywel Williams take the Chair of the Committee during the Committee’s inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order 2009

4. Big Lottery Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Anthony Beresford, Senior Lecturer, Cardiff Business School, and Callum Couper, Chair, Wales Freight Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 June at 9 am]

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  Albert Owen
Mrs Siân James  Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

2. English Language Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.
3. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009

Draft Special Report, (Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Phil Fennell be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order 2009.

Professor Fennell declared no interests.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, that the Committee Specialist and Specialist Advisers visit Cardiff and Milford Haven for the purposes of the Committee’s inquiry into Ports in Wales.

6. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Environment Agency Wales
Keep Wales Tidy
Welsh Local Government Association
7. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence related to Ports in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Association of Chief Police Officers in Wales (ACPO Cymru)
Associated British Ports
Callum Couper
Dr Anthony Beresford
Freight Transport Association
Irish Ferries
Professor Frank Gregory
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Milford Haven Ports Authority
Road Haulage Association

Mr Giovanni Mendola, Maritime Transport and Ports Policy, DG Tren, European Commission; Robin Smith, Welsh Representative, Rail Freight Group, Christopher Snelling, Head of Rail Freight and Global Supply Chain Policy, Stephen Kelly, Head of Policy Midlands, Wales and South West, Freight Transport Association, and Michael Farmer, Regional Director, Road Haulage Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 11 June at 9.30 am

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2009

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair

Mr David Jones          Albert Owen
Alun Michael

Mr Martyn Jones took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 28 April 2009.

1. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence)
(Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Tegryn Jones, Chief Executive, Keep Wales Tidy, Chris Mills, Director, Ceri Davies, Head of Strategic Unit, Environment Agency Wales, and Tim Peppin, Director of

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 June at 9.00 am]

**Monday 15 June - Thursday 18 June 2008**

Dr Hywel Francis, Chairman, Mrs Siân James, Mr David Jones, Albert Owen, Mark Pritchard, Hywel Williams and Mark Williams visited Estonia, Finland and Sweden in connection with the Committee’s inquiries into Digital Inclusion in Wales and Ports in Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 27 January 2009.

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009 submitted by the Association of Chief Police Officers (Cymru) be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the provision to cross-border public services for Wales: transport submitted by the Department for Transport be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
4. Government response to the Committee’s Report on the provision of cross-border health services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

**Ordered**, That the written evidence relating to ports in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
- Anglesey County Council
- British Ports Association/UK Major Ports Group Ltd
- Cruise Wales
- European Commission
- Pembrokeshire County Council
- SWWITCH
- City and Council of Swansea
- Department for Transport
- Welsh Assembly Government

Matthew Kennerley, Port Director ABP, South Wales Ports, Associated British Ports, David Whitehead, Director British Ports Association, and Ted Sangster, Chief Executive Milford Haven Port Authority; Kefin Wakefield, Head of Economic Development Pembrokeshire County Council, Bryan Graham, Head of Planning Services, Swansea County Council and Richard Workman, Director of Technical Services, Carmarthenshire County Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 25 June at 9.30 am]

**THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis  Alun Michael
Mr David Jones  Albert Owen
Mr Martyn Jones took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 28 April 2009.

**The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Wales Office, Geth Williams, Head of Legislation Policy, and James George, Legal Adviser, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 30 June at 9am

**TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Alun Michael

Mark Williams

1. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

Draft Special Report, *(Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2008-09)*, proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.
4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

Draft Report (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 348.

5. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to ports in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Fred Olsen Cruises
Stena Lines

John Pinnington, Business Development Manager, Isle of Anglesey County Council, and Margaret Llewellyn, Cruise Wales; Keith Blundell, Head of Tourism, Liverpool City Council, and Matt Grimes, Director, Planning, Ports and Logistics, Fred Olsen Cruises; Paddy Walsh, UK Ports Manager, Irish Ferries, and Tim Reardon, Chamber of Shipping, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 2 July at 9.30 am

THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair
Dr Hywel Francis  Albert Owen
Alun Michael  Mark Williams

Mr Martyn Jones took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 28 April 2009.

The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.
Hywel Williams took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 2 June 2009.

**Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

Jonathan Morgan AM, National Assembly for Wales, Joanest Jackson, Senior Legal Adviser, and Steve Boyce, Senior Research Officer, Members Research Service, National Assembly for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 July at 10 am]

**TUESDAY 7 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James
Mr Martyn Jones
Alun Michael

Albert Owen
Hywel Williams
Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales: follow-up.
Resolved, That the Committee visit Aberystwyth, Swansea and Port Talbot in relation to its inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales: follow-up.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake a follow-up inquiry on Cross-border public services for Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into Wales and Whitehall.

2. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Children’s Commissioner
College of Occupational Therapists
Dai Davies MP
Gofal Cymru
Hafal
Mind Cymru

3. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2009.

4. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Transport

Draft Report (Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Transport) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 58.
6. English Language Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Welsh Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to ports in Wales submitted by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

John Whyte, Director Central Region, Bob Lyne, Assistant Director, Central Region Wales, UK Border Agency, Assistant Chief Constable Colette Paul, Association of Chief Police Officers Cymru, and Detective Chief Inspector Andy Jenks-Gilbert, Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 9 July at 11 am

THURSDAY 9 JULY 2009

Members present:

Hywel Williams, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis, Mark Williams
Mrs Siân James

Hywel Williams took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 2 June 2009.

Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Alun Thomas, Deputy Chief Executive, Lee McCabe, Recovery Practitioner, Hafal, Ruth Crowder, Policy Officer, Genevieve Smyth, Mental Health and Learning Disability Officer, College of Occupational Therapists, Alexandra McMillan, Public Affairs Manager, Gofal Cymru, and Mr Gareth Jones, Social Justice & Rural Affairs Officer, Mind Cymru, gave oral evidence.
TUESDAY 14 JULY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  Albert Owen
Nia Griffith  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

3 All Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

4. English language television broadcasting in Wales

Draft Report (English language television broadcasting in Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report of the Committee, HC 502.

5. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Paul Clark MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, and Robert Davies, Policy Adviser, Ports Division, Department for Transport; Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport, James Price,

[Adjourned until Thursday 16 July at 9.30 am]

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James Alun Michael
Mr David Jones Mark Williams

Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until this day at 11am]

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009

Members present:

Hywel Williams, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis Mark Williams
Mrs Siân James

Hywel Williams took the Chair, pursuant to the Committee’s resolution of 2 June 2009.

Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Miss Claire Fife, Mental Health Legislation Manager, Mr Neil Buffin, Senior Lawyer, Health & Food Safety Team, and Dr Stephen Hunter, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Chris Stevens, Legislative Policy Branch, Wales Office, and Richard Rook, Mental Health Act Implementation Team, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.
TUESDAY 21 JULY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith                Mr Martyn Jones
Mrs Siân James             Alun Michael
Mr David Jones             Albert Owen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that Mark Williams take the Chair of the Committee during the Committee’s inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and other Fields) Order 2009.

Ordered, That Dr Tom Entwistle be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2009.

Dr Entwistle declared no interests.

3. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Local Government) Order 2009.

Resolved, that Alun Michael take the Chair of the Committee during the Committee’s inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009.
Ordered, That Professor Steve Martin be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009.

Professor Martin declared no interests.

4. All Wales Convention

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

Draft Report (Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report of the Committee, HC 678.

6. Digital Inclusion in Wales

Draft Report (Digital Inclusion in Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, HC 305.

7. Muscular Dystrophy, Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Review of the provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Health

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Pre-legislative scrutiny of proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 October at 10am]
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams
Albert Owen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border public services for Wales-follow-up inquiry

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Robert Humphreys be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into cross-border public services for Wales-follow-up.

Mr Humphreys declared the following interests to the Committee: member of the higher education in Wales review group; appointed to the All-Wales Convention; employed by the Open University; member of the Committee of Higher Education Wales; Past President and Chair of Welsh Liberal Democrats; member of the Wales Country Panel of Lifelong Learning UK.

Ordered, That Professor Stuart Cole be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Cross-border public services for Wales-follow-up.

Professor Cole declared no interests.

Ordered, That Professor Marcus Longley be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Cross-border public services for Wales-follow-up.

Professor Longley declared no interests.

3. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2009 relating to Domestic Fire Sprinklers

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Housing) Order 2009.
4. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report, (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009 Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

5. Pre-legislative scrutiny of proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Government response to the Committee’s report on the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Government response to the Committee’s report on English-language television broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Welsh Prisoners in the prison estate

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake a follow-up inquiry on Welsh prisoners in the prison estate.

9. Memorandum submitted by True Wales

Ordered, That True Wales be authorised to publish their memorandum on the granting of primary law-making powers to the Welsh Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.
10. Regulatory Impact Assessments

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry on Regulatory Impact Assessments: Lessons from devolution

11. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 October at 10am

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith Alun Michael
Mrs Siân James Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones Mark Williams

1. Cross-border services for Wales: follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to cross-border services for Wales: follow-up, submitted by the following witnesses, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Association of Colleges
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Chester Renaissance
Glyndwr University
Department of Health
Hereford College of Arts
Higher Education Wales
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
RMT
Swansea University
Welsh Assembly Government
2. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009 submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Bridgend County Borough Council
One Voice Wales

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report, (Digital Inclusion in Wales: Government Response to the Committee’s Thirteenth Report of Session 2008-09), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Eighth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

5. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009

Draft Report (Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Welfare) Order 2009) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, HC 778.

6. Wales and Whitehall

The Committee considered this matter.
7. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 October at 10am]

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  Albert Owen
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Alun Michael  Mark Williams

1. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the Welsh Local Government Association relating to the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010.

4. Ports in Wales

Draft Report (Ports in Wales) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.
The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 601.

5. Review of the LCO process

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Wales and Whitehall

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Iwan Davies be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Wales and Whitehall.

Professor Davies declared an interest as a Member of the Wales Committee, Law Society and a Member of the Standing Committee for Legal Wales.

7. Wales Office Annual Report 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State, and Glynne Jones, Deputy Director, Legislation, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 November at 10am

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Alun Michael
Mrs Siân James  Albert Owen
Mr David Jones

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Transport

The Committee considered this matter.
Draft Special Report, (*Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Transport: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government’s Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Ninth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

3. Forensic Science Services

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales: follow-up inquiry

The Committee considered this matter.

Professor David Lavalle, Head, Department of Sport and Exercise Science, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Ken Danskin, Leisure & Activity Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council, and Steve Ward, Sports & Leisure Manager, Newport City Council; Councillor Graham Thomas, Iwan Davies, Head of Culture and Tourism, Swansea Council, Peter Belcher, Head of Conference Services, Swansea University, Arthur Emyr, Wales Nations and Regions Co-ordinator, and Gareth Hall, Chair, Wales Steering Group on the Olympics, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 5 November at 10am]
THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Alun Michael  Hywel Williams

The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and other fields) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

Alun Ffred Jones AM, Minister for Heritage, Mike Bailey, Lawyer, Legal Services Department, and Lyn Summers, Policy Lead/Project Manager, Culture, Welsh Language & Sport Division Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Geth Williams, Head of Legislation Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 November at 10 am

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Albert Owen
Mrs Siân James  Hywel Williams
Martyn Jones  Mark Williams
Alun Michael

1. Cross-border services for Wales: follow-up

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to cross-border services for Wales: follow-up, submitted by the following witnesses, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ian Austin MP, Regional Minister for the West Midlands
David Jones MP
Jim Knight MP, Regional Minister for the South West
Manchester Airports Group
Network Rail
Phil Woolas MP, Regional Minister for the North West
2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Regulatory Impact Assessments

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Inter-Faith Eisteddfod, Cardiff 5 December

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009

The Committee considered this matter.


The Committee considered this matter.

9. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2009 relating to Domestic Fire Safety

The Committee considered this matter.

Ann Jones AM, Joanest Jackson, Legal Advisor, National Assembly for Wales, and Chris Enness, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service; Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Housing, Sustainability and the Environment, and Francois Samuel, Department for Housing, Sustainability and the Environment, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, James George, and Susan Perry, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.
Adjourned until Monday 23 November at 10.55am at the National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay