House of Commons
Welsh Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2007-08
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)
Mr Albert Owen MP (Labour, Ynys Môn)
Mr Mark Pritchard MP (Conservative, The Wrekin)
Mr Mark Williams MP (Liberal Democrat, Ceredigion)
Mr Hywel Williams MP (Plaid Cymru, Caernarfon)

Powers
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Committee staff
The current staff of the Committee is Dr Sue Griffiths (Clerk), Georgina Holmes-Skelton (Second Clerk), Judy Goodall (Inquiry Manager), Carys Eytom Jones (Committee Specialist), Christine Randall (Senior Committee Assistant), Annabel Goddard (Committee Assistant), Tes Stranger (Committee Support Assistant) and Rebecca Jones (Media Officer).

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TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb  Mr David Jones
David T C Davies  Albert Owen
Nia Griffith  Hywel Williams

Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ms Fran Targett, Director, and Mr Alun Gruffudd, Public Affairs Officer, Citizens Advice Cymru; Mrs Chris O’Meara, Chair, Mr Peter Evans, Policy and Information Officer, and Ms Sioned Hughes, Development Manager, Community Housing Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 7 November at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb  Mr Martyn Jones
Mrs Siân James  Mark Williams
Mr David Jones

Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, John Williams, Deputy Director, Wales Office, and Nigel Fulton, Team Leader, SEN Framework Team, Department for Children, Schools and Families, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 November at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Mr David Jones
Mrs Siân James  Mark Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly Government, be invited to give oral evidence.

2. Inquiry into cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Publication of written evidence on the internet

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Dr Shyam Partiar
Tesco

4. Centenary of the National Library of Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Adam Jackson, Public Policy Director, Tesco; and Dr Shyam Patiar, Director, Skills Development, Llandrillo College, and Director of the Hospitality Skills Academy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 November at 10 a.m.]
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Publication of written evidence on the internet

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by The Polish Welsh Mutual Association be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Committee visit to Ceredigion 2 - 4 December 2007

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Jeff Hopkins, Chairman, and Halina Ashley, Polish Centre Manager and Secretary, the Polish – Welsh Mutual Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 21 November at 3.15 p.m.]
WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb  Alun Michael
Nia Griffith  Albert Owen
Mr David Jones  Mark Williams

1. Declaration of interests – Alun Michael

Alun Michael declared an interest in that he undertook a visit to Rio de Janeiro to attend the Internet Governance Forum in November (on behalf of Eurim and other All-Party IT Groups, supported financially by Nominet).

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Alan Lansdown, Head of Additional Needs and Inclusion Division, and Huw Davies, Senior Welsh Legislative Counsel, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 November at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Albert Owen
Mrs Siân James  Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones  Mark Williams
Mr Martyn Jones

1. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Domiciliary care

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Domiciliary care.

Resolved, That the Committee explore the possibility of working jointly with the Welsh Assembly committee in the scrutiny of the proposed Order.

3. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Domiciliary care: appointment of Special Adviser

Ordered, That Dr Diane Seddon, Research Fellow, Institute of Medical and Social Care Research, Bangor University, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Domiciliary care.

4. Publication of written evidence on the internet

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Age Concern Cymru
Mr Bill Goldsworthy
Professor David Hughes

5. Committee visit to Ceredigion 2 - 4 December 2007

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Professor Bill Goldsworthy OBE, Chair, Wales Agri-Food Partnership, Norma Barry, Director, Food and Market Development Division, Welsh Assembly Government, and Professor David Hughes, Emeritus Professor of Food Marketing, Imperial College; Robert Taylor, Director, and Sarah Stone, Head of Public Affairs, Age Concern Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 3 December at 9.30 a.m.]
MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2007

The Committee met at the County Council Offices, Penmorfa, Ceredigion

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  Mr Martyn Jones
Mrs Siân James  Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones  Mark Williams

1. Publication of written evidence on the internet

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Farmers’ Union of Wales
National Farmers’ Union, Cymru
Professor Robert Pearce, University of Wales, Lampeter
Professor Noel Lloyd, Aberystwyth University
Shelter Cymru

2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Dai Davies, President, Mary James, Deputy Director/Head of Policy, Huw Thomas, Assembly Adviser, National Farmers’ Union Cymru, Gareth Vaughan, President, Emyr Jones, Deputy President, and Dr Nick Fenwick, Director of Agricultural Policy, Farmers Union of Wales; Professor Noel Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University, and Professor Robert Pearce, Vice-Chancellor, Lampeter University; and Owen Burt, Deputy Director, Shelter Cymru, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 December at 9.45 a.m.]
TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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


A draft Report (*Energy in Wales: follow-up inquiry*), 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 177.*

2. Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional learning needs

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Wales Office: Winter Supplementary Estimate

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Publication of written evidence on the internet

*Ordered*, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

International Business Wales
Welsh Local Government Association

6. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ian Williams, Director, International Business Wales; and Dave Gilbert, Adviser, Welsh Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 17 December at 4 p.m.]
MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

Draft Report: The proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council on additional learning needs

A draft Report (The proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council on additional learning needs), 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 44.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 8 January at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in connection with its inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.
3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Spain in connection with its inquiry into Globalisation and its impact on Wales and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

Mr Martin Stanley, Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Taylor, Inquiry Director, and Kate Collyer, Economist, Competition Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 15 January at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies, Mark Pritchard
Nia Griffith, Albert Owen
Siân James, Mark Williams
Alun Michael

1. Declaration of interests – Mark Pritchard

Mark Pritchard had no interests to declare.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Planning Bill

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

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
ITV Wales
National Union of Journalists
Competition Commission

Elis Owen, Managing Director and Controller of Programmes, and Michael Jeremy, Director ITV Regions, ITV Wales; Meic Birtwistle, National Executive Council, Jim Boumelha, National Executive Council and President International Federation of Journalists, Kate Carr, Chair, Welsh Executive Council, Lawrence Shaw, Assistant Organiser for Wales, and Martin Shipton, Father of the Chapel at Media Wales, National Union of Journalists, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 January at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2008

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

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James          Hywel Williams

The following members of the Proposed Domiciliary Care LCO Committee of the National Assembly for Wales also attended in accordance with Standing Order Number 137A(3)

Peter Black          Irene James
Dai Lloyd            Jonathan Morgan
Joyce Watson

Proposed Legislative Competence Orders In Council: Charging for non-residential social care

Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services, Steve Milsom, Acting Director, Older People and Long Term Care Policy Directorate, and Ms Amanda Jones, Legal Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 22 January at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Martyn Jones  Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael  Hywel Williams
Albert Owen  Mark Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

S4C
Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones

John Walter Jones, Chair, Phil Williams, Secretary, S4C Authority, Tim Hartley, Head of Corporate Affairs, S4C; and Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Director, Mercator Centre, Department of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, Aberystwyth University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 29 January at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Martyn Jones        Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael           Hywel Williams
Albert Owen            Mark Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Skillset Screen Academy Wales
Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru (TAC)
Ofcom

Humphry Trevelyan, Co-Director, Skillset Screen Academy Wales, and Gwion Owain, Chief Executive TAC (Welsh Independent Producers); and Rhodri Williams, Director, and Peter Phillips, Partner Strategy and Development, OFCOM, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 31 January at 11 a.m.]
THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones       Mark Williams
Hywel Williams

Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: charging for non-residential social care

Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Geth Williams, Head of Legislative Policy, Wales Office, and Alan Probett, Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships Directorate, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 February at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Martyn Jones       Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael          Mark Williams

1. Work of the Committee in 2007

A draft Report (Work of the Committee in 2007), 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 325.*

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

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

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
BBC Wales
Tinopolis plc
North East Wales Institute of Higher Education

Menna Richards, Controller, BBC Wales, and Pat Loughrey, Director, Nations and Regions, BBC; Ron Jones, Executive Chairman, Tinopolis PLC, and Siôn Hughes, Director of Art, Design and Humanities, North East Wales Institute of Higher Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 February at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2008

Members present:
Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair
Mrs Siân James Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones Albert Owen
Mr Martyn Jones Hywel Williams
Alun Michael Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Professor Marcus Longley, University of Glamorgan, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Liverpool and North Wales in connection with this inquiry.
3. Framework powers in Westminster legislation

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 26 February at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams
Albert Owen

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in the Field of social welfare 2008

A draft Report (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in the Field of social welfare 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 Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 257.


Draft Special Report, (The proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council on additional learning needs: Government response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

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.

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee, the draft Order and the Explanatory Memorandum be appended to the Report.

4. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Language Technologies Unit, Canolfan Bedwyr
Wales Co-operative Centre
Delyth Prys, Head of the Language Technologies Unit, Canolfan Bedwyr, and Bryn Jones, Business Development Manager of University Innovation, Bangor University; and Simon Harris, Chief Executive, Wales Co-operative Centre, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 4 March at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James  Mark Pritchard
Mr David Jones       Hywel Williams
Mr Martyn Jones         Mark Williams
Alun Michael
The Rt Reverend Anthony Priddis, Bishop of Hereford
The Rt Reverend Dominic Walker, Bishop of Monmouth

The Rt Reverend Anthony Priddis, Bishop of Hereford, Reverend Nick Read OBE, Chaplain for Agriculture and Rural Life, Diocese of Hereford, the Rt Reverend Dominic Walker OGS, Bishop of Monmouth, and Reverend Robin Morrison, Provincial Church and Society Officer, Diocese of Monmouth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 March at 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That Christopher J L Yewlett, MSc Director of Transport and Planning, Cardiff University, and Professor Stuart Cole, Professor of Transport, University of Glamorgan, be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales.

3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Resolved, That the Committee accept an invitation to visit the set of Dr Who at Nantgarw, South Wales, in connection with this inquiry.

4. The work of the Wales Office

Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Alan Cogbill, Director, and John Williams, Deputy Director and Head of Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.
TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Alun Michael
Mr Martyn Jones  Hywel Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Energy in Wales: follow-up inquiry, Government response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2007-08

Draft Special Report, (Energy in Wales: follow-up inquiry, Government response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

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.

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the First Report from the Committee be appended to the Report.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Tom Taylor, Chief Executive, Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Hospital Trust; Jo Webber, Deputy Director of Policy, NHS Confederation, and Mike Ponton, Director, NHS Wales Confederation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 31 March at 10 a.m.]
MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008

The Committee met at the Suites Hotel Knowsley, Liverpool

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Mark Pritchard
Mr Martyn Jones  Hywel Williams
Albert Owen

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Domiciliary care.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
Allan W Lloyd
British Dental Association
British Medical Association
Cardiff University
Carmarthenshire Community Health Council
Children’s Commissioner for Wales
Clwyd Community Health Council
Conwy Federation Community Health Council
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Dr D A Jones
Elizabeth Newman
Flintshire and Wrexham Local Health Board
Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust
Hafal
Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Ian Lucas MP
Institute of Rural Health
John Tyler
Karen Sinclair AM
Kirsty Williams AM
Lifelong Learning Network for Herefordshire and Worcestershire
Ministry of Defence
Mr and Mrs Robinson
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
North Bristol NHS Trust
North Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust
North East Wales Institute
North East Wales Trust
North Somerset Primary Care Trust
Parkinson’s Disease Society
Passenger Focus
Professor Charlie Jeffery
Royal College of Physicians
Shropshire County Council
South East Wales Transport Alliance (Sewta),
The Brecon and Radnor Community Health Council
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital NHS Trust
The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery NHS Trust
The West Midlands Business Council
United Bristol Healthcare Trust
Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council
Welsh Language Board
Welsh Occupational Therapy Service Leads Group
West Midlands Regional Assembly
Wrexham County Borough Council

Mel Pickup, Chief Executive, Ken Hoskisson, Chairman, Dr. Peter Enevoldson, Medical Director, and Chris Harrop, Director of Finance, Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery NHS Trust; Andrew Gunnion, Chief Executive, Flintshire Local Health Board, and Geoff Lang, Chief Executive, Wrexham Local Health Board; Gail Roberts, Chief Officer, Jeff Lansdell, Patient Complaints Advocate, Clwyd Community Health Council and Councillor John MacLennan, Chairman, Conwy East Community Health Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 29 April at 10 a.m.]
Dr Hywel Francis, Chairman, Mr David Jones, Mr Martyn Jones, Albert Owen, Hywel Williams and Mark Williams visited Spain in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into Globalisation and its impact on Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 January 2008

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair
Mr David Jones Alun Michael
Nia Griffith Albert Owen

1. Committee visit to Barcelona and Bilbao

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Welsh Assembly Committee on Broadcasting

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Welsh Assembly Committee on Equality of Opportunity

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Wales Office Estimates

The Committee considered this matter

7. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

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

Community Transport Association
Department for Children, Education, Lifelong learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly Government
Mersey Dee Alliance
Mrs Beverley Baynham
Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government
West Midlands Business Council

Robert Meadowcroft, Director of Policy, Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, Dr Mark Rogers, Consultant Clinical Geneticist, University Hospital of Wales, and Lynne Taylor, Contact Family Officer, Wales, Duchenne Family Support Group; Wendy Farrington Chad, Chief Executive, The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt NHS Orthopaedic And District Hospital NHS Trust, Gobowen, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 May at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 13 MAY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Brecon and Radnor Community Health Council
Kate Spall (The Pamela Northcott Fund)
Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government
Montgomery Community Health Council
Powys Local Health Board

John Howard, Chief Officer, Montgomery Community Health Council, Bryn Williams, Chief Officer, Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council; Judith Paget, Chief Executive, and Rebecca Richards, Director of Finance, Powys Local Health Board, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 15 May at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith          Hywel Williams
Mr David Jones        Mark Williams
Alun Michael

1. Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: vulnerable children

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: vulnerable children, be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Children’s Commissioner for Wales
The Fostering Network Wales
Welsh Local Government Association

Maria Battle, Deputy Children’s Commissioner for Wales, and Gareth Jones, Policy Officer, Children’s Commission for Wales; Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services, Mike Lubienski, Assembly lawyer, and Donna Davies Head of Vulnerable Children Policy, Department for Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government; Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Geth Williams, Head of Legislative Policy, Wales Office, and Bruce Clarke, Department for Children, Families and Schools, gave oral evidence.
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  Mr Martyn Jones
Nia Griffith  Mark Pritchard
Mrs Siân James  Albert Owen
Mr David Jones  Hywel Williams

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Wales Office Annual Report

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Justice Select Committee inquiry: Devolution – a decade on

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Welsh Assembly Committee on Broadcasting

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Association of Colleges
Cardiff University
Fforwm
Higher Education Wales
Professor Wynne Jones  
Statistical Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government  
Department for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly Government  
Welsh Local Government Association

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

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Martyn Jones       Albert Owen
Alun Michael          Hywel Williams
Mark Pritchard        Mark Williams

1. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter

2. Draft future programme

The Committee considered this matter

3. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: vulnerable children submitted by Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The work of the Wales Office

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the Work of the Wales Office submitted by Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Wales Office, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
5. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee further considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
North Bristol NHS Trust
Montgomeryshire Community Health Council
Department of Health
Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust
Research Councils UK
Mark Harper MP

Ben Bradshaw MP, Minister of State for Health Services, and David Flory, Director General, NHS Finance, Performance and Operations, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 12 June at 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in Council in the field of social welfare 2008: Government response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2007-08

Draft Special Report, (The proposed National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Order in Council in the field of social welfare 2008: Government response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.
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.

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, the draft Order and the Explanatory Memorandum be appended to the Report.

3. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to housing

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: housing, submitted by Community Housing Cymru be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Welsh Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Big Lottery Fund

The Committee considered this matter.

8. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee further considered this matter.

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

John Tyler
Brecknock & Radnor
Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, WAG
Minister for Health and Social Services, WAG
Statistical Directorate, WAG
Universities of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Aberystwyth University
Ian Lucas MP
Universities UK
Lembit Opik MP (With attached letter from Mr Fox, a Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital)
Professor Deian Hopkin

Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan AM, First Minister, Ms Ann Lloyd, Head of Department of Health and Social Services, Mr Tony Parker, Director of Rail and New Roads, Mr Mark Drakeford, Special Adviser to the First Minister, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 June at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008

A draft Report (The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 576.*

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter
4. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee further considered this matter.

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

Sara Mogel, Principal, West Cheshire College, David Jones, Principal, Deeside College; John Graystone, Chief Executive Officer, fforwm and John Stephenson, Principal, Coleg Powys, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Monday 23 June at 4 p.m.

MONDAY 23 JUNE 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones             Hywel Williams
Alun Michael                  Mark Williams

Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: housing

The Committee considered this matter.

Jocelyn Davies AM, Deputy Minister for Housing, Matthew Quinn, Director Environment, Sustainability and Housing, and Helen Kellaway, Legal Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 24 June at 9.45 a.m.]
TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Mr Martyn Jones  Alun Michael
Mark Pritchard  Mark Williams

1. Secretary of State’s review of the procedure for Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Higher Education Wales
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Royal College of Midwives UK board for Wales
SEMTA, the Sector Skills Council

Professor Merfyn Jones, Chair, Amanda Wilkinson, Director, Higher Education Wales; and Professor Philip Gummet, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 1 July at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 1 JULY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James
Mr David Jones
Alun Michael

Albert Owen
Hywel Williams

1. The provision of cross-border health services for Wales: Interim Report

A draft Report (The provision of cross-border health services for Wales: Interim Report), 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 870.

2. Future inquiries

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into digital inclusion in Wales, including the availability of telephony and broadband services.

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into ports in Wales.

3. Visit to Dublin and Belfast, 19 – 23 October 2008

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter

5. Globalisation and its impact on Wales

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Globalisation and its impact on Wales submitted by the National Library of Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following witnesses relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
The Alliance of Sector Skills Councils

7. Review of Higher Education in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Committee Staffing

The Committee considered this matter.

9. Secretary of State’s review of the procedure for Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

10. Institute of Rural Health, Annual General Meeting

The Committee considered this matter.

11. Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Housing

The Committee considered this matter.

Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Geth Williams, Head of Legislative Policy, Wales Office; and Chris Meader, Head of Right to Buy, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 8 July at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 8 JULY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  Mark Pritchard
Alun Michael  Mark Williams

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Dublin and Belfast

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Association of Colleges
Dr Quinlivan, Consultant, the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt NHS Orthopaedic and District Hospital NHS Trust
fforwm
Research Councils UK
Semta

Alan Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Richard Jones, Wales Country Manager, Sue Hunter, Development and Quality Assurance Manager, Skills for Justice, Michelle Creed, Director Wales, Life Long Learning UK, Alliance Of Sector Skills Councils; and Professor Ian Diamond, Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Councils and Chair of RCUK Executive Group, Research Councils UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Wednesday 9 July at 9.30 a.m.]
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2008

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. Review by the Secretary of State of the procedure for LCOs

The Committee considered this matter.


Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Alan Cogbill, Director, Glynne Jones, Deputy Director and John Williams, Deputy Director and Head of Policy, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

 Adjourned until Tuesday 15 July at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Visit to Dublin and Belfast

The Committee considered this matter.
3. Inquiry into Digital inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Review by the Secretary of State of the LCO procedure

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Committee’s memorandum to the Secretary of State’s review of the LCO procedure be published on the internet.

5. The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008: Government response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007-08

Draft Special Report, The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008: Government response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007-08), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Government’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, the draft Order and the Explanatory Memorandum be appended to the Report.

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

6. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Professor Michael Scott, North East Wales Institute of Higher Education
Professor Wynne Jones, Harper Adams University College
Department for Innovations, Universities and Skills (DIUS)
Niace dysgu cymru
Professor Teresa Rees, Cardiff University
Department of Health

Bill Rammell MP, Minister of State, Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Michael Hipkins, Director, Student Finance Strategy, Ashley Malster, Deputy Head, Economic Impact, Science and Research Group, Matthew Hamnett, Deputy Director, Adult Skills Directorate, Department for Innovation, Universities And Skills; Professor
Teresa Rees, Chair of the Rees reviews of Higher Education and Pro Vice Chancellor, Cardiff University, Professor Wynne Jones, Principal, Harper Adams University College, Professor Michael Scott, Principal, and Andrew Parry, Head of Corporate Communications, North East Wales Institute of Higher Education, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 October at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. The provision of cross-border health services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Dublin and Belfast

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Review by the Secretary of State of the Legislative Competence Order in Council procedure

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

A group of retired people who had prominent roles in the NHS
Airbus
British and Irish Orthoptic Society
CBI Wales
Department of Health
Edwina Hart AM, Welsh Assembly Government
Flintshire Local Health Board
Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Llandrindod Wells and District Volunteer Bureau/Community Support
Research Councils UK
RNIB
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital
Welsh Consumer Council

David Rosser, Director, and Leighton Jenkins, Head of Policy, CBI Wales, and Michael Fleming, Head of Employment Training and Competencies, and Gary Griffiths, Manager for Apprenticeships and Vocational Competencies, Airbus, gave oral evidence.

6. The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008

A draft Report The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 812.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 October at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones                        Albert Owen
Alun Michael

1. Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Agriculture and Rural Development

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Agriculture and Rural Development.
2. Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Agriculture and Rural Development: appointment of Special Advisers

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Professor Kevin Morgan, Professor of Governance and Development, and Professor Terry Marsden, Head of the School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Agriculture and Rural Development.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Digital Inclusion in Wales: appointment of Special Adviser

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Dr Ellen Helsper, Survey Research Fellow, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Digital Inclusion in Wales.

5. Future inquiries

The Committee considered this matter

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics for Wales.

6. Carers Wales

The Committee considered this matter

7. EU Joint Committee on multilingualism and the digital economy

The Committee considered this matter

*Resolved*, That Hywel Williams have leave to attend an EU joint committee to discuss multilingualism and the digital economy in Brussels on Monday 8 December, in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 28 October at 10 a.m.]
Monday 20 October - Tuesday 21 October 2008

Dr Hywel Francis, Chairman, Albert Owen, Mark Pritchard, Hywel Williams and Mark Williams visited Ireland in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 January 2008

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Visit to Dublin

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Legislative Competence Order in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 4 November at 10 a.m.]
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Visit to Belfast

The Committee considered this matter.

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

4. New Welsh Prison Consultation

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Delegated Legislation Committees

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Public Petition

The Committee considered a petition from the Petitions Committee of the National Assembly of Wales concerning the Rhyl Flats wind farm project referred to it by the Clerk of Public Petitions.

7. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Neil Scales, Chief Executive and Director General, Merseytravel, Paul Roberts, Strategic Director, Wrexham County Borough Council, Steve Kent, Director of Environment,
Cheshire West and Chester Council, Mersey Dee Alliance, and David Beynon, Transport Co-ordinating Manager, South East Wales Transport Alliance; Colin Foxall CBE, Chairman, Stella Mair Thomas, Board Member, Simon Pickering, Passenger Link Manager, Passenger Focus, Betsan Caldwell, Director for Wales, and Sarah Layland-Jones, Chair for Wales, Community Transport Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 11 November at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Education

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

David T C Davies declared an interest as a serving special constable with the British Transport Police.

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

ASLEF
British Transport Police
British Transport Police Authority
Department for Transport
First Great Western
Greengauge
Network Rail
Virgin Trains
Welsh Assembly Government
Welsh Language Board

Chris Gibb, Chief Operating Officer, Arthur Leathley, Communications Director, Virgin Trains, Tim Bell, Managing Director, Mike Bagshaw, Commercial Director, Arriva Trains Wales, Mark Hopwood, Deputy Managing Director, and John Pockett, Manager for Wales, First Great Western; Ian Johnston CBE, DL, QPM, Chief Constable, and Superintendent Peter Davies, British Transport Police, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 18 November at 10 a.m.]

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

1. Legislative Competence Orders in Council

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following relating to the Red Meat Industry LCO be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

NFU Cymru
Veterinary Public Health Association

2. Digital Inclusion in Wales inquiry

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Professor David Worsley
Rail Future

Lord Adonis, Minister of State, Bob Linnard, Director, Rail Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, and Nick Bisson, Director, Regional and Local Transport Policy, Department for Transport; Richard Eccles, Head of Route Planning, and Mike Gallop, Route Enhancement Manager, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 25 November at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008

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. The potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales.
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Newport in connection with its inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales.

3. Digital inclusion in Wales
The Committee considered this matter.

4. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales
The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by the following relating to the provision of cross-border public services for Wales be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Freight Transport Association
Martin Evans, University of Glamorgan

Stan Moran, District Officer for District 7, Simon Weller, Executive Committee member for District 1, ASLEF, Pat Sikorski, Assistant General Secretary, and Alex Gordon, Council of Executives, RMT; Stephen Kelly, Head of Policy (Wales, South West & Midlands), Ian Gallagher, Policy Manager (Wales, South West & Midlands), and Bill Simons, Transport Manager, Capper & Co. Ltd, Freight Transport Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 December at 10 a.m.]