



House of Commons  
Welsh Affairs Committee

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# **Formal Minutes of the Committee**

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**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

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](http://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](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/welsh_affairs_committee.cfm)

### Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee is Dr Sue Griffiths (Clerk), Georgina Holmes-Skelton (Second Clerk), Judy Goodall (Inquiry Manager), Carys Eyton 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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# Formal Minutes of the Committee, Session 2007-08

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**TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2007**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr Stephen Crabb  
David T C Davies  
Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones  
Albert Owen  
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  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones  
Mark Williams

## **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  
Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones  
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.]

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2007

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

### **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

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Hywel Williams

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

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

### **1. Draft Report: Energy in Wales: follow-up inquiry**

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

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

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

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

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

Nia Griffith

Siân James

Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard

Albert Owen

Mark Williams

#### **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  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
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  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
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  
Hywel Williams

Mark 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  
Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard  
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

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

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  
Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

### **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.*

### **3. 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**

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

#### **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 Robert Humphreys, Director of the Open University in Wales, be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the provision of cross-border public services for Wales.

*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:

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.

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

**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.]

***Monday 20 April - Thursday 24 April 2008***

*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

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

### 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.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 May at 10 a.m.]

**TUESDAY 20 MAY 2008**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Mark Pritchard

Albert Owen

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  
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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  
Alun Michael

Hywel Williams  
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

Mark Pritchard

Mr Martyn Jones

Mark Williams

Alun Michael

**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

Albert Owen

Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams

Alun Michael

### **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  
Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard  
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

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Research Councils UK

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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.

**2. The Wales Office Annual Report 2008**

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  
 Alun Michael

Albert Owen

#### **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

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard

**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  
Mrs Siân James  
Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
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

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

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.]