



House of Commons  
Welsh Affairs Committee

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# **Formal Minutes of the Committee**

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**Session 2008-09**

## 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), Alison Groves (Second Clerk), Anwen Rees (Inquiry Manager), Christine Randall (Senior Committee Assistant), Annabel Goddard (Committee Assistant), Tes Stranger (Committee Support Assistant) and Rebecca Jones (Media Officer).

### Contacts

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# Formal Minutes of the Committee, Session 2008-09

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TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2008

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard

## **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Visit to the Severn tunnel**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Anglesey County Council  
Bristol Airport  
Manchester Airport  
Railfuture

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

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

**MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2008**

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

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

**TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Mr Martyn Jones

Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

Professor Clements declared no interests.

### **3. Digital inclusion**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

## **TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Mark Williams

### **1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Legislative Competence Orders in Council**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Globalisation and its impact on Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

#### **MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009**

The Committee met at Newport International Sports Village

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Hywel Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Councillor Alana Davies

Fields in Trust

Union of Welsh Independent Churches

Sports Council Wales

Welsh Sports Association

WLGA

Welsh Assembly Government

Wales Tourism Alliance

Visit Britain

Federation of Disability Sport Wales

DCMS

British Olympic Association

#### **2. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Gareth John, Chairman, Jon Morgan, Executive Director, Federation of Disability Sport Wales; Philip Carling, Chairman, and Huw G Jones, Chief Executive, Sports Council Wales; Alun Ffred Jones AM, Minister for Heritage, and Arthur Emyr, Wales Nations and Regions Co-ordinator, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

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

## TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Mark Pritchard

Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Rees declared no interests.

### **4. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

### **5. All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

### **7. Globalisation and its impact on Wales**

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

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

### **8. Welsh Language Society**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **9. The provision of cross border health services for Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.



## **10. Higher Education Wales Breakfast**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

### **TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Birmingham International Airport  
First Cymru Buses  
Liverpool Airport  
National Express  
Transport for London

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Age Concern  
Carers Wales

#### **3. Digital Inclusion**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

CBI Wales

Emeritus Professor Peter Cobbold

Mobile Operators' Association

Open University Wales

T Mobile UK

University of Wales, Newport

Welsh Language Board

#### **4. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

#### **7. Subordinate Legislation Committee of the National Assembly for Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

#### **9. Work of the Committee Session 2007-08**

Draft Report (*Work of the Committee Session 2007-08*) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 252.*

## **10. Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **11. Welsh Affairs debate on 26 February 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

## **TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard

Hywel Williams

### **1. Digital Inclusion**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

BT

Community Broadband Network

Get Safe Online

NIACE Dysgu Cymru

Ofcom

Skillset

Welsh Assembly Government

Wise kids

### **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Bangor in connection with its inquiries into Digital Inclusion and Ports in Wales.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

**5. The provision of cross border public services in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

**MONDAY 2 MARCH 2008**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael

Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009 submitted by Conwy County Borough Council be reported to the house for publication on the internet.

Gwenda Thomas AM, Minister for Social Services, John Carter, Head of Vulnerable Adults and Carers Team, Health and Social Services Department, and Therese Gray, Senior Lawyer, Social Care, Legal Services Department, Welsh Assembly Government; Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Chris Stevens, Legislation Policy Officer, Wales Office, and Elaine Edgar, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

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

## TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

### 1. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

3G

Dr Ben Anderson, Essex University

Geo Networks

ITV Wales

Professor Sonia Livingstone, LSE

Online Centres

Online Safety Institute

Orange

Virgin Media

Vodafone

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Dr MacGiolla Christ declared no interests.

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

Dr Conrick declared no interests

#### **4. Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **5. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

### **TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

#### **1. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Apple  
 BBC  
 Citizens Online  
 e-crime Wales  
 Federation of Small Businesses  
 Wales Office

*Ordered*, That the Open University be authorised to publish their written evidence on Digital Inclusion in Wales, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Celebrating our language  
 Celtic Language  
 Dr Huw Thomas, CYDAG  
 Alun Llewelyn, Cyng  
 Dr Dalby  
 Federation of Small Businesses  
 Bedwyr Griffiths  
 Eifion Lloyd Jones  
 Llais Gwynedd  
 Mentrau Iaith Cymru  
 Merched y Wawr  
 Mobile Broadband Operators  
 Parents for Welsh Medium Education  
 Dr Parry  
 Urdd Gobaith Cymru  
 Welsh Chartered Institute of marketing Wales board  
 Welsh Language Society  
 Adam West  
 WLGA  
 Gareth Wood

## **3. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Bangor University

Citizens Advice Bureau

Brian Gibbons

GMB and FDA

Law Society

Ministry of Justice

Morgans

Shelter Cymru

Legal Services Commission Wales Office GMB and FDA Union

Welsh Refugee Council

#### **4. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

#### **6. Universities in Wales – visas for students**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **7. Welsh Grand Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **8. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee further considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 17 March at 10 a.m.]



**TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

BT

CBI

Anna Felicity Roberts

### **2. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

### **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Welsh Grand Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Digital Inclusion in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

## 8. Appearance of ministers from devolved administrations

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

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

### MONDAY 23 MARCH 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  
Nia Griffith  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones

Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Cered

Institute of Directors

Welsh Language Board

## **2. Leave to publish written evidence**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

## **TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Hywel Williams

## **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Visit to Bangor**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Draft Special Report, (*Cross-border provision of public services for Wales: Further and higher education: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2008-09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time and agreed to.

The Government's Response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

## **4. Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Big Lottery Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. All-Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Carolyn Regan, Chief Executive, Phil Lambert, Executive Director, Business Support, and Paul Davies, Director, Wales, Legal Services Commission, gave oral evidence.

## **8. The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Transport**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

### **MONDAY 30 MARCH 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Hywel Williams

Mr David Jones

Mark Williams

Alun Michael

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

E-on UK plc

RWE Npower

Scottish Power

Virgin Media

Wales TUC

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

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

**TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael

Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Visit to Bangor**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

**4. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Professor Cole declared no interests.

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

Mr Bichou declared no interests.

**5. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

### **MONDAY 20 APRIL 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

#### **1. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **3. Visit to Bangor**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Dr Robert Dunbar  
Government of Catalonia  
Rt Hon Peter Hain (on behalf of Ronald and Pauline King)  
Royal National Institute of Blind People in Wales

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

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

## TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones

Alun Michael  
Hywel Williams

### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Visit to Bangor**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Visit to Baltic ports**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. The future of local newspapers in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the future of local newspapers in Wales.



## **5. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **7. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

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

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

## **8. Appearance of ministers from devolved administrations**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

**MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Visit to Bangor**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Visit to Baltic ports**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

### **7. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

Leighton Andrews AM, Deputy Minister for Regeneration, Alun Burge, Department for Social Justice & Local Government, and Richard Sewell, Head of Telecommunications Policy, Welsh Assembly Government; Antony Walker, Chief Executive Broadband Stakeholder Group, Russell Lawson, Public Affairs Manager, Federation of Small Businesses Wales, and Dr Gail Bradbrook, Citizens Online, gave oral evidence.

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

**TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  
Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

### **1. English Language Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

BBC

Channel 4

Alun Davies AM

Equity

Institute of Welsh Affairs

ITV

National Union of Journalists

S4C

Welsh Assembly Government

### **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Professor Lee declared no interests.

### **5. Specialist Advisers**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **7. English Language Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

## **MONDAY 11 MAY 2009**

The Committee met at Bangor University

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Mr Martyn Jones

Alun Michael

### **1. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

British Ports Association  
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport  
Port of Mostyn  
Rail Freight Group  
Royal Yachting Association  
Unite

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

## **2. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 14 May at 10.30 am

### **THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael

Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

#### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **2. Globalisation and its impact on Wales**

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

The Government's Response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

### **3. Scrutiny of National Planning Policy Statements**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

### **6 All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 19 May at 9.45 am

**TUESDAY 19 MAY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Mark Williams

### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. The newspaper industry in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 2 June at 10 am

## **TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

## **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **2. Scrutiny of proposed Legislative Competence Orders**

The Committee considered this matter.



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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

### **4. Big Lottery Fund**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 9 June at 9 am

## **TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. English Language Broadcasting in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2009**

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Professor Fennell declared no interests.

### **5. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Environment Agency Wales

Keep Wales Tidy

Welsh Local Government Association

## 7. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence related to Ports in Wales submitted by the following witnesses be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Association of Chief Police Officers in Wales (ACPO Cymru)

Associated British Ports

Callum Couper

Dr Anthony Beresford

Freight Transport Association

Irish Ferries

Professor Frank Gregory

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Milford Haven Ports Authority

Road Haulage Association

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 11 June at 9.30 am

### THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2009

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair

Mr David Jones

Albert Owen

Alun Michael

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Regeneration and Sustainable Development, Welsh Local Government Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 23 June at 9.00 am

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

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

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the provision to cross-border public services for Wales: transport submitted by the Department for Transport be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

#### **4. Government response to the Committee's Report on the provision of cross-border health services for Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **6. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Anglesey County Council  
 British Ports Association/UK Major Ports Group Ltd  
 Cruise Wales  
 European Commission  
 Pembrokeshire County Council  
 SWWITCH  
 City and Council of Swansea  
 Department for Transport  
 Welsh Assembly Government

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 25 June at 9.30 am

### **THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis  
 Mr David Jones

Alun Michael  
 Albert Owen

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 30 June at 9am

**TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2 All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **5. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Fred Olsen Cruises

Stena Lines

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 2 July at 9.30 am

### **THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Mr Martyn Jones, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis  
Alun Michael

Albert Owen  
Mark Williams

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Elisabeth Jones, Deputy Director of Legal Services, and Prys Davies, Head of Legislation Management, Department of Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until this day at 11 am

Members present:

Hywel Williams, in the Chair

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| Dr Hywel Francis | Albert Owen   |
| Mrs Siân James   | Mark Williams |
| Alun Michael     |               |

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 7 July at 10 am

**TUESDAY 7 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Mrs Siân James  | Albert Owen    |
| Mr Martyn Jones | Hywel Williams |
| Alun Michael    | Mark Williams  |

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into the potential benefits of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for Wales: follow-up.



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

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

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 58.*

## 6. English Language Broadcasting in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

## 7. Welsh Grand Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

## 8. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 9 July at 11 am

### THURSDAY 9 JULY 2009

Members present:

Hywel Williams, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis  
Mrs Siân James

Mark Williams

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 14 July at 9.30 am

## TUESDAY 14 JULY 2009

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

David T C Davies  
Nia Griffith  
Alun Michael

Albert Owen  
Hywel Williams

### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

### **3 All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. English language television broadcasting in Wales**

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

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

### **5. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Ports in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Director Transport and Strategic Regeneration, Tim James, Director Integrated Public Transport, and Keith Thomas, International Connectivity Manager, Welsh Assembly Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned until Thursday 16 July at 9.30 am

#### **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Alun Michael

Mr David Jones

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until this day at 11am

#### **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Hywel Williams, in the Chair

Dr Hywel Francis

Mark Williams

Mrs Siân James

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 21 July at 10am

**TUESDAY 21 JULY 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Mr Martyn Jones

Alun Michael

Albert Owen

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

Dr Entwistle declared no interests.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

*Resolved*, that Alun Michael take the Chair of the Committee during the Committee's inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009.

*Ordered*, That Professor Steve Martin be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009.

Professor Martin declared no interests.

#### **4. All Wales Convention**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

#### **6. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

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

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

#### **7. Muscular Dystrophy, Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 13 October at 10am

**TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  
Mr David Jones  
Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

Mark Pritchard  
Hywel Williams  
Mark Williams

### **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

Professor Cole declared no interests.

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

Professor Longley declared no interests.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

#### **4. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

#### **8. Welsh Prisoners in the prison estate**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

#### **9. Memorandum submitted by True Wales**

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



## 10. Regulatory Impact Assessments

The Committee considered this matter.

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

## 11. Ports in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 October at 10am

**TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Mrs Siân James

Mr David Jones

Alun Michael

Hywel Williams

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Association of Colleges

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

Chester Renaissance

Glyndwr University

Department of Health

Hereford College of Arts

Higher Education Wales

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign

RMT

Swansea University

Welsh Assembly Government

## **2. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Bridgend County Borough Council  
One Voice Wales

## **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **6. Wales and Whitehall**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 27 October at 10am

### **TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Mrs Siân James

Albert Owen

Mr David Jones

Hywel Williams

Alun Michael

Mark Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

## **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

## **4. Ports in Wales**

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

*The draft Report was agreed to; the formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifteenth Report of the Committee, HC 601.*

## **5. Review of the LCO process**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. Wales and Whitehall**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

## **7. Wales Office Annual Report 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 November at 10am

## **TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith  
Mrs Siân James  
Mr David Jones

Alun Michael  
Albert Owen

## **1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

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

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

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

### **3. Forensic Science Services**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Thursday 5 November at 10am

**THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Alun Michael

Hywel Williams

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 November at 10 am

**TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2009**

Members present:

Dr Hywel Francis, in the Chair

Nia Griffith

Albert Owen

Mrs Siân James

Hywel Williams

Martyn Jones

Mark Williams

Alun Michael

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Ian Austin MP, Regional Minister for the West Midlands

David Jones MP

Jim Knight MP, Regional Minister for the South West

Manchester Airports Group

Network Rail

Phil Woolas MP, Regional Minister for the North West

## **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Digital Inclusion in Wales**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Regulatory Impact Assessments**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **6. Inter-Faith Eisteddfod, Cardiff 5 December**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## **8 Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution on the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Environment) Order 2009**

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered this matter.

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

[Adjourned until Monday 23 November at 10.55am at the National Assembly for Wales,  
Cardiff Bay