

Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 30 April 2018

Meeting time: 11.00 – 16.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Michelle Brown AM Suzy Davies AM Jane Hutt AM Mark Isherwood AM Jenny Rathbone AM Dai Lloyd AM
Witnesses:	David Hughes, European Commission in Wales Robin Walker, Department for Exiting the European Union Chloe Smith MP, Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform Geth Williams, Wales Office David Thompson, Department for Exiting the European Union
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson (Clerk)



	Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk)
	Gemma Gifford (Deputy Clerk)
	Elisabeth Jones (Legal Adviser)
	Nia Moss (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis and Jack Sargeant.

1.3 Dai Lloyd attended the meeting as a substitute for Steffan Lewis.

2 Scrutiny session with the UK Government

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Paper to note 1 – Brexit: Parliament’s Five Transition Tasks, Hansard Society – 13 April 2018

3.1 The paper was noted.

3.2 Paper to note 2 – Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport regarding dates of the EU exit working group – 16 April 2018

3.2 The paper was noted.

3.3 Paper to note 3 – Correspondence from the First Minister regarding committee slot cancellation – 18 April 2018

3.3 The paper was noted.

3.4 Paper to note 4 – Correspondence from the First Minister regarding scrutiny arrangements in the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – 25 April 2018

3.4 The paper was noted.

3.5 Paper to note 5 – Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance regarding "deep dive" exercises – 25 April 2018

3.5 The paper was noted.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 EU (Withdrawal) Bill: Discussion of developments

5.1 Members discussed recent developments relating to the European (Withdrawal) Bill.

6 Work Programme: June and July 2018

6.1 Members discussed the forward work programme.

7 Resourcing for Brexit scrutiny – Consideration of the letter from the Llywydd

7.1 Members considered and agreed the letter.

8 Consideration of the meetings in Brussels on 27 March 2018

8.1 Members considered the meetings in Brussels.

9 Forward look at upcoming initiatives from the European Commission

9.1 The Committee were briefed on upcoming initiatives from the European Commission.