

# Concise Minutes – External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 10 February 2020

Meeting time: 13.32 – 14.58

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Dai Lloyd AM David Melding AM
Witnesses:	Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language Emma Edworthy, Welsh Government Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Second Clerk) Claire Fiddes (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Rhun Davies (Researcher)



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# **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Delyth Jewell.

1.3 Huw Irranca-Davies declared an interest as Chair of the European Advisory Group, Chair of the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee, and Chair of the Regional Investment Steering Group.

## **2 Scrutiny session with the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language**

2.1 The Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language responded to questions from Members.

## **3 Papers to note**

3.1 Paper to note 1: Correspondence from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister to the Chair regarding the Committee's report – Common policy frameworks:  
Assembly Scrutiny

3.1.1 The paper was noted.

3.2 Paper to note 2: Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union to the Chair regarding the Withdrawal Agreement Bill – 29 January 2020

3.2.1 The paper was noted.

3.3 Paper to note 3: Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report on UK international agreements after Brexit

3.3.1 The paper was noted.

3.4 Paper to note 4: Response from the Welsh Government to the Committee's report on the Welsh Government's draft international strategy

3.4.1 The paper was noted.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Scrutiny session with the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language – consideration of evidence**

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

## **6 Consideration of the Government's response to the Committee's report on common policy frameworks**

6.1 Members considered the response received.

## **7 Scrutiny of international agreements**

7.1 Members considered the following international agreements:

7.1.1 the agreement establishing an Association between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Morocco;

7.1.2 the agreement establishing an Association between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Jordan;

7.1.3; the agreement establishing an Association between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Kosovo;

7.1.4 the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

7.2 Members agreed to write to the Welsh Government in relation to the Morocco, Jordan and Kosovo agreements:

7.2.1 to seek further information about their involvement in the negotiation of these agreements (and also all other association agreements that are intended to be transitioned as part of the Trade Agreement Continuity Programme); and

7.2.2 to ascertain whether the Welsh Government have raised any issues in relation to their application in areas of devolved competence.

7.3 Members agreed to note the Uzbekistan agreement.

## **8 Consideration of forward work programme**

8.1 Members considered and agreed the forward work programme.

## **9 Consideration of change to the remit of the Committee**

9.1 Members considered a change to the remit of the Committee.