



# **Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru** **The National Assembly for Wales**

## **Y Pwyllgor Materion Cyfansoddiadol a Deddfwriaethol** **The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee**

**Dydd Llun, 10 Mehefin 2013**  
**Monday, 10 June 2013**

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The proceedings are reported in the language in which they were spoken in the committee. In  
addition, a transcription of the simultaneous interpretation is included.

**Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol**  
**Committee members in attendance**

Suzy Davies	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
David Melding	Y Dirprwy Lywydd a Chadeirydd y Pwyllgor The Deputy Presiding Officer and Committee Chair
Eluned Parrott	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats

**Swyddogion Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru yn bresennol**  
**National Assembly for Wales officials in attendance**

Steve Davies	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Ruth Hatton	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Siân Richards	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Owain Roberts	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Gareth Williams	Clerc Clerk

*Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 2.01 p.m.*  
*The meeting began at 2.01 p.m.*

**Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau, Dirprwyon a Datganiadau o Fuddiant**  
**Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

[1] **David Melding:** Good afternoon and welcome to this meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. I will start with apologies, which have been received from Julie James; we expect Vaughan Gething to substitute. I am sorry to say that Simon Thomas has been delayed, through no fault of his own. The train that he was on has broken down, and he will endeavour to get here as soon as he can.

[2] I will make the usual housekeeping announcements. No routine fire drill is planned, so, if we hear the alarm sound, please follow the instructions of the ushers, who will help us to leave the building safely. Please switch off all electronic equipment completely, because it will interfere with our broadcasting equipment. These proceedings will be conducted in Welsh and English, and, when Welsh is spoken, a translation is available on channel 1 of the headsets; channel 0 will amplify our proceedings.

2.02 p.m.

**Offerynnau nad ydynt yn Cynnwys Materion i Gyflwyno Adroddiad arnynt o**  
**dan Reol Sefydlog Rhif 21.2 neu 21.3**  
**Instruments that Raise no Reporting Issues under Standing Order No. 21.2 or**  
**21.3**

[3] **David Melding:** There is just one negative resolution instrument. I highlight this, because the explanatory memorandum is full of excellent detail, but is somewhat difficult to follow because of the way that it has been structured. I think that we would want to make a note of that and perhaps write to the Minister to point that out, because this is the sort of area in which there is likely to be a lot of interest among farming unions and other bodies out there that follow issues relating to animal health. Given the structure of the information, you would have to know what it was about before you read it to be able to get through it. It is a pity that

it is not more user friendly in its presentation, because the material is very appropriate and helpful. Are you happy that we make a note to that effect? I see that you are.

2.03 p.m.

**Adroddiad Monitro Sybsidiaredd Gwanwyn 2013 (Ionawr-Ebrill 2013)  
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[4] **David Melding:** The paper reminds you of the three specific pieces of work that we have done, and how the items were identified and it gives a list of other items that, in the end, we decided did not require any further action. Members may have views on how we have conducted the work during that quarter or on any other lessons or points. This is relatively early in the process, and I think that it is working very well. It requires quite a lot of work to sift through the volume of things that we might want to look at, and we are picking up the items of main interest, particularly of public interest. Are we content?

[5] **Eluned Parrott:** As you said, I am grateful for the work that is done in sorting these out and bringing the most important ones to our attention.

[6] **David Melding:** So, the message is that the system is working well and we want to keep up that level of work and the approach to it.

2.04 p.m.

**Papurau i'w Nodi  
Papers to Note**

[7] **David Melding:** We have an exchange of correspondence on the food regulations that we looked at a couple of weeks ago. As you may recall, I wrote to the Minister asking for an explanation of how the reforms and the paring down of some of the old approach will still be based on rigorous procedures. You can see the Minister's response there. I think that it is a pretty full answer, but you may have other views.

[8] **Suzy Davies:** No, I was quite grateful, really, that they had made an effort to make sure that we understand it.

[9] **David Melding:** Yes. I see that there is nothing else on that item.

2.05 p.m.

**Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog Rhif 17.42 i Benderfynu Gwahardd y Cyhoedd o'r  
Cyfarfod  
Motion under Standing Order No. 17.42 to Resolve to Exclude the Public from  
the Meeting**

[10] **David Melding:** I move that

*the committee resolves to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 17.42(vi).*

[11] Does any Member object? I see that no Member objects.

*Derbyniwyd y cynnig.  
Motion agreed.*

*Daeth rhan gyhoeddus y cyfarfod i ben am 2.05 p.m.*  
*The public part of the meeting ended at 2.05 p.m.*