



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

**Pwyllgor Deddfwriaeth Rhif 1  
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**Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol**  
**Committee members in attendance**

Mohammad Asghar	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
Eleanor Burnham	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Rosemary Butler	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Committee Chair)
Ann Jones	Llafur Labour
Val Lloyd	Llafur (yn dirprwyo ar ran Huw Lewis) Labour (substitute for Huw Lewis)
Nick Ramsay	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives

**Swyddogion y Cynulliad yn bresennol**  
**Assembly officials in attendance**

Claire Griffiths	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Bethan Roberts	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Alys Thomas	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members' Research Service
Liz Wilkinson	Clerc Clerk

*Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 10.32 a.m.*  
*The meeting began at 10.32 a.m.*

**Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon**  
**Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions**

[1] **Rosemary Butler:** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to this meeting of Legislation Committee No. 1. We have received apologies from Huw Lewis, and Val Lloyd is substituting for him, so welcome, Val. I also thank everyone else for attending.

**Mesur Arfaethedig Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru (Taliadau)**  
**The Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure**

[2] **Rosemary Butler:** The purpose of this morning's meeting is to talk about our approach to the scrutiny of the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure. As you know, the proposed Measure was introduced to the Assembly by the Presiding Officer on behalf of the Assembly Commission in October 2009. It was subsequently referred to this committee for Stage 1 scrutiny. This committee must report no later than 12 March 2010, so we have a tight timescale on this.

[3] The purpose of the proposed Measure, as set out in the accompanying explanatory memorandum, which we all have, is to establish an independent board to determine all aspects of financial support for Assembly Members. The proposed Measure will transfer to the board the functions of making determinations in relation to the remuneration of Assembly Members, the First Minister, the Welsh Ministers, the Counsel General and the Deputy Welsh Ministers. These functions include the setting and reviewing of Assembly Members' salaries,

allowances and pensions. The purpose of today's committee is formally to agree our approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the proposed Measure.

[4] What we have to decide and what I suggest we consider is, first, the need for an independent National Assembly for Wales remuneration board, then the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure and whether they achieve their purpose, the practical and financial implications of implementing those key provisions, and whether the proposed Measure achieves its overall purposes and aims. Those criteria are the same as we have used for the consideration of previous proposed Measures. Are Members content with that recommended framework? I see that you are.

[5] As usual, we will gather evidence in a number of ways. First, we will issue a general call for evidence, which will be notified in the media and published on the Assembly's website. That is for members of the public who may wish to make some contribution. We will also invite written submissions from key stakeholders—and I am never sure what 'key stakeholders' means, but, in this case, it is a long list of academics, businesses and other people. We also have to decide who to invite as witnesses. They will include the Presiding Officer on behalf of the Assembly Commission, but we will also have to decide who else to invite to come to give us oral evidence. I assume that you are happy with that approach, because it is our standard practice. I see that you are.

[6] If you are happy for me to do so, I will arrange for a letter to be issued as soon as possible inviting written submissions to inform our work. A comprehensive list of people has been suggested, but does any Member wish to add anyone else? Eleanor has already suggested that we add the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors. That list will be available for public scrutiny, if anyone wishes to see it. We need to get those applications out as soon as possible. Are there any other questions that anyone wishes to ask this morning? I see that there are none.

[7] Our next meeting will take place on 10 December, when we hope to take evidence from the Presiding Officer, who is the Member in charge of the proposed Measure. We will let you know the time and place of that meeting, but I am sure that it will be an interesting session. If there are no other questions this morning—and I see that there are none—I formally close the meeting. Thank you.

*Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.36 a.m.  
The meeting ended at 10.36 a.m.*