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The National Assembly for Wales**

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Cyfnod 2: Trefn Ystyried y Gwelliannau
Proposed Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure— Stage 2: Order of Consideration

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In addition, an English translation of Welsh speeches is included.

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Jeff Cuthbert	Llafur Labour
Val Lloyd	Llafur (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Labour (Committee Chair)
Sandy Mewies	Llafur Labour
Jonathan Morgan	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
Jenny Randerson	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Janet Ryder	Plaid Cymru (yn dirprwyo ar ran Rhodri Glyn Thomas) The Party of Wales (substitute for Rhodri Glyn Thomas)

Swyddogion Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad yn bresennol
Assembly Parliamentary Service officials in attendance

Sarah Beasley	Clerc Clerk
Claire Griffiths	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Gwyn Griffiths	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Sarah Sargent	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Anne Thomas	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members' Research Service

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 10 a.m.
The meeting began at 10 a.m.

Ethol Cadeirydd
Election of Chair

[1] **Ms Beasley:** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the first meeting of Legislation Committee 2. The first item on the agenda is the election of the Chair, and so under Standing Order No. 10.18, I call for nominations.

[2] **Jonathan Morgan:** I nominate Val Lloyd.

[3] **Ms Beasley:** Thank you. Are there any other nominations? I see that there are none, and so I declare that Val Lloyd is duly elected Chair of the committee.

[4] **Val Lloyd:** I thank Members for their vote of confidence.

Penodwyd Val Lloyd yn Gadeirydd.
Val Lloyd was appointed Chair.

10.01 a.m.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

[5] **Val Lloyd:** I will start with the usual announcements. I have not received any apologies, but there is a substitution: Janet Ryder is substituting for Rhodri Glyn Thomas. I understand that she will be substituting for the duration of our Stage 2 considerations. We look forward to having your expertise.

[6] There are no fire drills planned for today, so, if the alarm sounds, please leave the room by the marked fire exit. Please turn off all mobile phones and other electronic devices because they interfere with the recording equipment. I remind everyone that a simultaneous translation is available on channel 1 of your headsets, and, if you would like to amplify the sound, you can do so using channel 0.

10.02 a.m.

Mesur Arfaethedig ynghylch Dysgu a Sgiliau (Cymru)— Cyfnod 2: Trefn Ystyried y Gwelliannau Proposed Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure— Stage 2: Order of Consideration

[7] **Val Lloyd:** For the record, this is Legislation Committee 2 and we will consider amendments at Stage 2 to the Proposed Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure. This is our first piece of work, but this will be a permanent committee. Members have been advised that this is a formal meeting and that our main business will start next Wednesday and next Thursday afternoon.

[8] I remind everyone that the deadline for tabling amendments is 5.30 p.m. today. I know that that is quite short notice. Daily lists of amendments tabled will appear in the business notice. Government amendments have already been tabled for our notification.

[9] Our main business today is to discuss the order in which we will consider the sections as they appear in the proposed Measure. Are there any suggestions on that?

[10] **Jeff Cuthbert:** I suggest that we take them in the order in which they appear in the proposed Measure.

[11] **Val Lloyd:** Thank you. Are there any views on the amount of work that we might have and on the timescale that has been allotted to us?

[12] **Jonathan Morgan:** Looking at the timetable, I see that we are expected to conclude our Stage 2 consideration by 30 January, which means that we will sit during two working weeks. I understand that four potential slots are available to us in which to consider the proposed Measure. This is a substantial piece of work and, although I was not a member of the Stage 1 committee, I have gone through the paper work and the committee's report and have seen that many issues were raised by members of that committee and by people who gave evidence to that committee. Therefore, it is unrealistic for this committee to try to consider what will be potentially detailed and far-reaching amendments to this proposed Measure within such a tight timescale. My preference is that we seek the agreement of the Business Committee to an extension of the timetable. I do not think that we will need more than an additional two weeks, but I do think that this committee needs the flexibility to consider the amendments tabled in detail, and not just those tabled by the Government, but also those tabled by members of this committee as well; otherwise, we cannot do the job properly.

[13] This is a substantial piece of legislation, and it will sit with the education sector for many years, and it is incumbent on this committee to do the job properly. Unless we have the additional time, we will not have the necessary ability to consider the detail of the amendments that have been tabled.

[14] **Val Lloyd:** Thank you, Jonathan. Are there any further comments on that? I see not. I see that Members are in agreement with Jonathan, so I will take that point forward after the meeting.

[15] We have agreed to ask the Business Committee for an extension, and we have agreed the order in which we will consider the amendments, namely to follow the order of the sections that they relate to. Does anybody wish to raise anything else? I see that there is no other business, so I thank you for your attendance and I close the meeting. We will meet again on Wednesday, 21 January.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.06 a.m.
The meeting ended at 10.06 a.m.