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The National Assembly for Wales**

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

Aelodau'r pwyllgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Eleanor Burnham	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Jeff Cuthbert	Llafur (yn dirprwyo ar ran Andrew Davies) Labour (substituting for Andrew Davies)
Mark Isherwood	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor) Welsh Conservatives (Committee Chair)
Leanne Wood	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales

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

Bethan Davies	Clerc Clerk
Leanne Hatcher	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Gareth Pembridge	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Sian Thomas	Gwasanaeth Ymchwil yr Aelodau Members' Research Service

Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 9.43 a.m.
The meeting began at 9.43 a.m.

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau a Dirprwyon
Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

[1] **Mark Isherwood:** I bring the formal session of this meeting of Legislation Committee No. 5 to order.

[2] Bore da a chroeso. Good morning and welcome.

[3] Apologies for absence have been received from Alun Davies and Andrew Davies, and we welcome Jeff Cuthbert to the meeting to substitute for Andrew Davies.

[4] I have a few housekeeping announcements to make. In the event of a fire alarm, Members should leave the room via the marked fire exists and follow the instructions of the ushers and staff. All mobile phones, pagers and BlackBerrys should be switched off because they interfere with broadcasting equipment.

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9.44 a.m.

Mesur Arfaethedig ynghylch Hawliau Plant a Phobl Ifanc (Cymru): Cyfnod 1
Proposed Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure: Stage 1

[6] **Mark Isherwood:** The purpose of today's meeting is to agree formally the committee's approach to the scrutiny of the Proposed Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure. By way of background, the proposed Measure was laid before the Assembly by Huw Lewis, Assembly Member and Deputy Minister for Children, earlier this week, on 14 June.

[7] Our role as a committee is to consider and report on the general principles of the proposed Measure. We must conclude our work and lay a report before the Assembly no later than 22 October this year, in line with the deadline set by the Business Committee. We have had some informal discussions on our approach to the scrutiny of the proposed Measure, and I therefore now suggest a framework for the committee's work. The committee should consider the need for a proposed Measure to deliver the stated objectives of imposing a duty upon Welsh Ministers and the First Minister to have due regard to the rights and obligations in the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child and its optional protocols when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise functions that are exercisable by them. It should also consider whether the proposed Measure achieves its stated objectives, the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure and whether they are appropriate to deliver its objectives, the potential barriers to the implementation of the key provisions and whether the proposed Measure takes account of them, and the views of stakeholders who will have to work with the new arrangements.

[8] Are Members content with that approach? I see that you are. Is the committee also content to issue a general call for evidence, to consult with children and young people, to invite written submissions from organisations or individuals and to invite key stakeholders to give oral evidence over the coming weeks? I see that you are all content.

[9] All that remains is to announce that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 24 June 2010, when the committee will conduct its first oral evidence session. If Members have no other matters that they wish to raise, I am pleased to declare the meeting closed.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 9.47 a.m.
The meeting ended at 9.47 a.m.