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UK, IRISH AND ISLANDS CLERKS' SEMINAR
11 – 12 SEPTEMBER
CARDIFF BAY



<u>Thursday 11 September</u>	
9.30	Registration and Coffee (Cwrt, Senedd)
10.00	Welcome and opening remarks Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service, National Assembly for Wales
10.15	Session 1 – Update on recent developments from each delegation Chair: Siân Wilkins, National Assembly for Wales Presenters (10 minutes each): • National Assembly for Wales – Chris Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service • House of Commons – Eliot Barrass, Clerk, Table Office • House of Lords – Sarah Jones • Northern Ireland Assembly – Nuala Dunwoody, Clerk Assistant • Houses of the Oireachtas – Alan Guidon, Clerk to the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality, and Tom Sheridan, Clerk to the Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection • Scottish Parliament – Catherine Fergusson, Senior Assistant Clerk, Finance Committee • States Assembly in the Island of Jersey – Lisa Hart, Deputy Greffier • Tynwald The Parliament of the Isle of Man – Jonathan King, Deputy Clerk of Tynwald and Clerk of the Legislative Council
11.15	<i>Refreshment break (Members' Tea Room)</i>
11.30	Session 1 – Continued
12.15	<i>Lunch (Pierhead)</i>
13.15	Session 2 – Constitutional change in the UK and beyond • Proposals for further devolution and independence, including the reports of the Commission on Devolution in Wales • Relationships with European institutions Chair: Jake Vaughan, House of Lords

	Presenters: • Scottish Parliament – Mark Brough, Senior Assistant Clerk, Legislation Team • House of Commons – Dr Rebecca Davies, Clerk, Scottish Affairs Committee • Northern Ireland Assembly – Nuala Dunwoody, Clerk Assistant • National Assembly for Wales – Gareth Price, Strategic Transformation Service
14.15	Session 3 – Preparing for elections • Induction for new Members • UKIP and the changing political landscape Chair: Matthew Hamlyn, House of Commons Presenters: • House of Commons – Matthew Hamlyn, Clerk of Bills and Rob Page, International Affairs and Defence Section, Department of Information Services • National Assembly for Wales – Chris Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service
15.00	<i>Refreshment break (Members' Tea Room)</i>
15.15	Session 4 – Public engagement and participation • Involving young people • The opportunities and challenges presented by social media Chair: Jonathan King, Tynwald The Parliament of the Isle of Man Presenters: • National Assembly for Wales – Kevin Davies, Outreach Manager • House of Lords – Dominique Gracia, House of Lords Representative in Brussels
16:15	Closing remarks Siân Wilkins, National Assembly for Wales
16.30	<i>End of session</i>
19.00	Drinks reception followed by evening meal at Ffresh restaurant, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay Host: David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales

<u>Friday 12 September</u>	
9.30	<i>Refreshments (Members' Tea Room)</i>
10.00	Session 5 – World class committees • Comparison of our aspirations for committee work • The role of Chairs • The role of Clerks • Assessing performance • Measuring impact Chair: Andrew Mylne, Scottish Parliament Presenters: • National Assembly for Wales – Chris Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service • Tynwald – Jonathan King, Deputy Clerk of Tynwald and Clerk of the Legislative Council • House of Lords – Nicole Mason, Clerk to the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee • Northern Ireland Assembly – Nuala Dunwoody, Clerk Assistant
11.15	<i>Refreshment break (Members' Tea Room)</i>
11.30	Round up session and concluding remarks To include issues raised during previous sessions for which, by agreement of delegates, further discussion time would be helpful. Chair: Siân Wilkins, National Assembly for Wales
12.00	<i>Lunch (Members' Tea Room) and tour of the Senedd</i>
13.00	<i>Departure</i>