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Minutes of the commission's meeting on 28 September 2023.

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Present

Co-chairs

- Laura McAllister
- Rowan Williams

Commission members

- Anwen Elias
- Miguela Gonzalez
- Lauren McEvatt
- Michael Marmot
- Albert Owen
- Philip Rycroft
- Kirsty Williams
- Leanne Wood

Item 3

- Gwern Gwynfil, Chief Executive, YesCymru

Item 4

- Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales
- Piers Bisson, Director European Transition, Constitution and Justice, Welsh Government
- Sophie Brighouse, Deputy Director, Constitution and Justice, Welsh

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Government

- David Rich, Head of Constitution, Welsh Government

Secretariat

- Gareth Morgan, Deputy Director and Head of Secretariat
- Carys Evans, Adviser
- Victoria Martin, Policy Lead
- Heulwen Mai Vaughan, Secretary
- Ruth Leggett, Head of Communications and Engagement
- Rhiannon Perkins, Engagement Lead
- Tessa Hajilambi, Office Manager

Apologies

- Shavanah Taj
- Gareth Williams

Item 1: Welcome from the co-chairs

1. The co-chairs welcomed commissioners to the meeting, and noted apologies from Shavanah Taj and Gareth Williams.

Item 2: Business meeting

2. The commissioners discussed the latest draft of the report and agreed revisions.

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Item 3: Evidence meeting - YesCymru

3. The co-chairs welcomed Gwern Gwynfil, Chief Executive of YesCymru, to the meeting. Gwern Gwynfil outlined YesCymru's thinking on independence, including the need to work towards a position where there was widespread support in Wales; the importance of the separation arrangements to be negotiated with the UK government; and the opportunities that independence could offer to Wales.

Item 4: Evidence meeting - First Minister of Wales

4. The co-chairs welcomed Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales. The First Minister set out his views on the devolution of justice and policing, international relations, and inter-governmental relations.

Item 5: AOB

5. The co-chairs thanked the commissioners for their contributions.

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