Westminster Seminar – Senedd Day Programme

14 March 2023

The Senedd was invited to host a day programme as part of the Westminster Seminar, CPA UK's flagship annual programme aimed at new and recently elected Members as well as developing Clerks.

The Senedd welcomed some 30 Members and clerks from mostly small and subnational legislatures from numerous Commonwealth Regions. These included representatives from the Caribbean, Africa, Canada, Australasia as well as our own British Islands and Mediterranean Region. The day's programme was well received by attendees as well as the CPA UK secretariat. The programme included the following three formal sessions as well as a tour of the Senedd and Pierhead:

1. Introduction to the Senedd

- The Evolution of Devolution
- How the Senedd is Structured and Supported
- Current Priorities & the Senedd Reform Programme

Panellists:

DPO, David Rees MS

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS (Chair of Senedd CPA Branch)

Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business.



2. The Welsh Youth Parliament Experience

Presentation by WYP Manager, Delyth Lewis

3. Legislation (Development & Support)

- Mechanisms for Influence and Impact in Legislation
- Techniques and Skills used to support Members with legislation

Panellists:

Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of LJC Committee

Julian Luke – Head of Policy & Legislation Committee Service



The morning sessions were held in Siambr Hywel, and included fruitful questions and contributions from the delegation



Panellists during the Introduction to the Senedd



Members of the delegation after a successful session on Senedd Legislation