



PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

1. This paper recommends a proposed schedule of Commission meetings until September reflecting the initial discussion at the last Commission meeting.
2. We have now received most of the written evidence.
3. The issue arises of how we should handle the consideration of evidence in the period between now and September.
4. We envisage that we should adopt a thematic approach in line with the way in which most of the evidence has been presented. At each meeting the Commission would have before it both a paper presented by the secretariat along the lines of the broadcasting template, and we would also invite relevant experts to provide oral evidence. At the end of the day the Commission could reflect on both parts of the day.
5. On this basis we should be able to manage to cover the evidence, as long as we cover two themes in each meeting, and subject to perhaps extending one or two meetings to two days and/or perhaps squeezing in one or two additional meetings.
6. For policing, given that there are fewer academics and more stakeholders, we would suggest a stakeholder event in July, similar to the previously-discussed energy stakeholder event in Milford Haven. It is likely this would be in or near Cardiff.
7. Given the type of energy issues raised in the evidence, the value of hosting an energy stakeholder event in Milford Haven is less apparent (that is, evidence did not raise issues relating to oil and gas import and refinement). We therefore have suggested Bangor, which has a strong renewable energy interest, as host for an energy discussion.
8. We have suggested Glyndwr and Swansea as hosts for events focussing on business and the economy, to give a North East and South/South-West perspective.
9. Building on the discussion at the last Commission meeting, the following schedule dovetails with the proposed programme of expert meetings (in italics – which we are confirming with Higher Education Funding Wales and the Law Society):



Date	Meeting
27 March (Belfast)	Agree powers not suitable for devolution (e.g. defence, foreign policy etc) and devolved programmes not substantively affected (agriculture etc); schedule of meetings; principles
13 April	Assembly (including inter-parliamentary and capacity); Elections
3 May	Health; overview meetings with WG,HMG and experts eg R Wynn Jones
17 May	<i>Cardiff Law Society Event (separate jurisdiction)</i>
21 May	<i>Cardiff experts (Broadcasting)</i>
23 May	<i>Pontypridd experts (transport)</i>
24 May	Transport; broadcasting
4 June	<i>Bangor experts (Energy)</i>
5 June	<i>Glyndwr experts (Economy)</i>
14 June	Natural resources (environment, energy, water, Crown Estate); opinion poll results
25 June	<i>Aberystwyth experts (Conferred/reserved)</i>
27 June	<i>Swansea experts (business breakfast)</i>
5 July	Economy (inc employment); Natural Resources; conferred/reserved powers
July (TBC)	<i>Police Experts</i>
25/26 July	Police; Criminal Justice; Separate Jurisdiction (2 day meeting)
5/6 Sept (TBC)	Inter-governmental relations (inc Europe, cross-border); capacity; mop-up (teacher's pay etc)

Conclusion

10. We would be grateful to know whether the Commission are content with a schedule of Commission meetings along the above lines.

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