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Present

Co-chairs

- Laura McAllister
- Rowan Williams

Commission members

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

Expert Panel

- Gareth Williams

Item 2

- Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales

Item 3

- Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice, and Chair of Wales Race Forum

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- Kay Denyer, Race Council Cymru
- Aled Edwards, CYTUN
- Professor Uzo Iwobi, Race Council Cymru
- Maria Mesa, Women Connect First
- Rob Milligan, Tai Pawb
- Professor Robert Moore, NWREN
- Andrew Ogun, BLM Gwent
- Shahien Taj, Women Connect First
- Patrick Daly, Welsh Government
- Riaz Hassan, Welsh Government
- Bethan Phillips, Welsh Government
- Paul Webb, Welsh Government

Secretariat

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

Apologies

- Philip Rycroft
- Shavanah Taj

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Item 1: Welcome from the co-chairs

1. The co-chairs welcomed the commissioners and outlined the agenda. The commissioners briefly discussed the evidence sessions which were to follow.

Item 2: Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales

2. The First Minister made the case for a reformed Union that works in the common interests of citizens across the UK, and one to which the people of Wales would want to belong.

Item 3: Wales Race Forum

3. The commission then joined a meeting with the Wales Race Forum, chaired by Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice. A record of this meeting has been published by the Wales Race Forum:

[Wales Race Forum: 20 October 2022](#) on GOV.WALES

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