

# Visit of the Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann, Seán Ó Fearghaíl

7 March 2024



The Llywydd was delighted on 7 March to host an official visit for Ceann Comhairle, Seán Ó Fearghaíl (Speaker of the Irish Parliament)

A morning programme was arranged for the Ceann Comhairle as part of his visit to the Senedd. This included a bilateral meeting with the Llywydd, Clerk of the Senedd, Manon Antoniazzi as well as Directors Arwyn Jones and Siwan Davies.

A roundtable event was subsequently hosted by the Deputy Presiding Officer which included Members representing the Senedd's BIPA delegation as well as the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, who have undertaken inquiries looking at the relationship and trade between Wales and Ireland.



This short but successful visit provided the Senedd with an opportunity to discuss and showcase a number of areas in which the Senedd excels, such as a continuing Hybrid parliament as well as the only fully bilingual legislature within the UK. The topics of Achieving greater diversity in public representation as well as the need for Safer Participation of our elected representatives were also matters of mutual interest and concern.

The roundtable session was also very effective with tangible outcomes, including planned bilateral exchanges between our respective Committees, with an initial visit by the Irish Language Committee to the Senedd to be explored for the coming months.

