

Economic Development and Transport Committee

Minutes EDT(2) 03-06

Meeting date: 8 February 2006

Meeting time: 9.00 – 12.19

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Christine Gwyther (Chair)	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Eleanor Burnham	North Wales
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Andrew Davies (Minister for Economic Development and Transport)	Swansea West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Alun Ffred Jones	Caernarfon
Carl Sargeant	Alyn & Deeside

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job Title
Gareth Hall	WDA Chief Executive
Robin Shaw	Chief Executive, Transport Wales
Julian Revell	Economic & labour market statistics
Rob Halford	Economic Policy Division

Glenn Massey	Knowledge Bank for Business
Robert Cone	Roads Network Management Division
Jeff Collins	Roads Network Management Division

Committee Service

Name	Job Title
Claire Morris	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Eleanor Burnham who would be substituting for Kirsty Williams.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available

Item 2: EDT Minister's Report

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 (p.1)

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.2) Quarterly Economic Report

EDT(2) 01-06 (p.3) Quarterly Statistical Bulletin

2.1 The EDT Minister introduced his report.

2.2 The Minister announced the Transport Settlement Grant for 2006 – 07.

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the performance regimes for Arriva trains and clarification of the definitions used.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a paper on the latest RSA data.
- The EDT Minister agreed to update the Committee on the situation regarding Wylfa power station and the possible impact on Anglesey Aluminium and to provide routine updates thereafter.
- The Clerk agreed to provide Committee Members with the recent GMB study relating to

manufacturing.

- The EDT Minister agreed to provide an update on the Margam deep mine.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee on the percentage split in Wales between Public and Private sector employment and the net transfer of jobs to Wales following the Lyons Review.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide an update on enhancing the National Grid.
- The EDT Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a breakdown of construction output for commercial and domestic and public and privately funded construction in Wales
- If available, the EDT Minister agreed to provide the Committee with figures on personal debt and bankruptcy in Wales.

Item 3: Regional Aid Guidelines

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 (p.4)

3.1 The Committee welcomed the update.

Actions Points:

- The EDT Minister agreed to bring to the Committee at the appropriate time, plans for the simplification of the grant system.

Item 4: Knowledge Bank for Business

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 (p.5)

4.1 The Committee welcomed the update and noted that the progress of the Knowledge bank would be looked at regularly by the Committee.

Item 5: Road Pricing

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 (p.6)

5.1 The Committee noted the paper and agreed that developments would need to be considered at Committee.

Item 6: Minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

Paper: EDT(2) 01-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 11 January

Paper: EDT(2) 02-06 - Minutes of meeting held on 26 January

Paper: EDT(2) 03-06 - Action Outstanding

The Minutes of the meetings held on 11 and 26 January were agreed as a true record.

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