

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Minutes (EOC(3)-07-08)

**Date:** Thursday 15 May 2008

**Time:** 13.15 - 15.25

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd, Cardiff Bay

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones (Chair), Vale of Clwyd

Mark Isherwood, North Wales

Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West

Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

### Committee Service

Tom Jackson, Clerk

Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Minister-Counsellor Mr Krzysztof Trepczynski, Polish Embassy

Mr Anthony Packer, Honorary Consul of Lithuania in Wales

Mr Romualdas Zukauskas, Chairman of the Lithuanian Community in Wales.

Mr Nigel Payne, Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic Representation in Wales

Paul Whitehouse, Gangmasters Licensing Authority

### Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

Apologies were received from Eleanor Burnham, Angela Burns, Christine Chapman. and Chris Franks.

### Item 2: Inquiry into Migrant Workers

2.1 The Chair welcomed the witnesses and noted that apologies had been sent from Ms Zuzana Zitna, Third Secretary, Slovak Embassy who was unwell. The Chair also welcomed Clive Williams, Honorary Consul for Romania in Wales who observed the proceedings.

2.1 The panel responded to Member's questions.

### Item 3: Inquiry into Migrant Workers

Paper: EOC(3)-07-08(p.1)

3.1 Paul Whitehouse, Chairman of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority responded to Member's questions.

### Action Point

The Clerk to write to Mr Whitehouse requesting that the statistics presented in his paper be disaggregated on a Wales basis.

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