

European and External Affairs Committee

Concise Minutes : EUR(3)-15-10 : 9 November 2010

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Time: 9.00 – 11.00

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Rhodri Morgan, Cardiff West (Chair)
Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Nick Bourne, Mid and West Wales

Witnesses

Amanda Crowfoot, Director, UK Research Office (Item 2)
Professor David Shepherd, Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, Bangor University (Item 3)
Professor Guillaume Thierry, Bangor University (Item 3)
Dr David Joyner, Director of Business and Partnership Engagement, Bangor University (Item 3)
Sheila Mathison, European Officer, Bangor University (Item 3)
Professor Noel Lloyd, Vice Chancellor, Aberystwyth University (Item 4)
Professor Wayne Powell, Director of IBERS, Aberystwyth University (Item 4)
David Craddock, Director of Enterprise and Collaborative Projects, Aberystwyth University (Item 4)
Andy Klom, Head of European Commission Office in Wales (all items)

Committee Staff

Lara Date, Clerk
Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk
Gregg Jones, Members' Research Service
Rachel O'Toole, Members' Research Service

Chair's Items

1.2 The Chair informed Committee that an expert adviser had been appointed to assist its inquiry into EU Funding Programmes.

1.2 The Chair informed Committee that the proposed visit to Brussels on 6 December would now consist of informal meetings. Confirmation of whether the visit was going ahead was expected by 10 November.

1.3 The Chair reminded Members that there would be an Assembly plenary debate on the Committee's Second Report of inquiry into the Future of Cohesion Policy on 10 November. The European Commission's Fifth Cohesion Report would be published on 10 November.

2. Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

2.2 No apologies had been received, and there were no declarations of interest.

3. Inquiry: Welsh Participation in EU Funding Programmes: Research and Innovation: Evidence gathering

3.1 The witness answered the Committee's questions on Welsh participation in the Framework Programme for Research.

Action

UKRO to provide Committee with an explanatory paper on EU framework programme reimbursement rates.

4. Inquiry: Welsh Participation in EU Funding Programmes: Research and Innovation: Evidence gathering – by video conference

4.1 The witnesses answered the Committee's questions on Bangor University's experience of co-ordinating and participating in EU funding programme projects.

5. Inquiry: Welsh Participation in EU Funding Programmes: Lifelong Learning Programmes: Evidence gathering

5.1 The witnesses answered the Committee's questions on Aberystwyth University's experience of co-ordinating and participating in EU funding programme projects.

6. Paper Noted

6.1 The Committee noted the following paper:

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