

European and External Affairs Committee

Minutes EUR2 04-05

Meeting date: 12 May 2005

Meeting time: 9.00-12.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Attendance

Sandy Mewies (Chair)	Delyn
Nick Bourne	Mid and West Wales
Rosemary Butler	Newport West
Mike German	South Wales East
Christine Gwyther	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Ieuan Wyn Jones	Ynys Môn
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Rhodri Morgan	Cardiff West
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Standing Invitee

Janet Davies AM	
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Officials

Gary Davies	Head of European and External Affairs Division
Des Clifford	European and External Affairs Division
Phillip Bird	European and External Affairs Division
Jackie Brown	European and External Affairs Division

Anna Daniel	MRCs - Assembly Parliamentary Service
Gwyn O Griffiths	Legal Advisor - Assembly Parliamentary Service

Others

		Agenda item (s)
Nick Bodycombe	European Officer, Research and Commercial Division of Cardiff University	6
Andrzej Stania	President, City Hall Ruda Slaska	7
Lowri Gwilym	WLGA	7
Andy Klom	Head of the European Commission Office in Wales	8

Committee Service

John Grimes	Clerk
Sarah Bartlett	Deputy Clerk

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies had been received from Jeff Cuthbert AM and Jill Evans MEP.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 Members agreed to hold an additional meeting to talk to the UK Europe Minister. The Chair agreed to e-mail members about possible dates.

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Paper: EUR2 03-05 - Minutes of meeting held on 14 April

Paper: EUR2 04-05 - Action Outstanding

2.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April were agreed as a true record subject to including Nick

Bourne's apologies which were not noted at the previous meeting but had been received.

Item 3: First Minister's Report

Paper: EUR2 04-05 (p1)

Actions

The First Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a note on the General Correction Mechanism.

Item 4: EU Presidency

Paper: EUR2 04-05 (p2)

Actions

The First Minister agreed to update the Committee on the policy agenda for the UK presidency of the European Council and specifically on the question of how the CAP negotiations fitted into the overall Financial Perspective.

The First Minister agreed to provide a note on the Home Office special grant to Police Authorities and how the additional costs of policing the EU Presidency would be met.

The First Minister agreed to provide a note on the planned youth event in Cardiff City Hall.

Item 5: Update on 'Early Warning System'

Paper: EUR2 04-05 (p3)

5.1 Members noted the procedure.

Item 6: European Research Funding

Paper: EUR2 04-05 (p4)

Actions:

The Chair agreed to obtain for the Committee information on what links other universities in Wales had forged with the EU.

Nick Bodycombe agreed to provide a note to the Committee of the estimated costs to Cardiff University in preparing proposals to the EU's Framework Programme 6.

The Chair agreed to circulate a CoR briefing provided to Rosemary Butler by officials.

The First Minister agreed to provide a note State Aid issues in relation to research funding.

Item 7: WLGA Silesian Party
Paper: EUR2 04-05 (p5)

The Chair agreed to circulate any follow up report the Silesians' visit to Wales.

Item 8: EU Annual Policy Statement for 2006
Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p6)

8.1 The Committee noted the update

Item 9: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions

9.1 The Committee noted the oral update from Rosemary Butler.

Actions

The chair agreed to circulate papers from Rosemary Butler on the APPEAR project and the Joint Research Centre .

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