

**Date:** Wednesday 11 December 2002  
**Time:** 9.15am – 12.15pm  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

**Item 1: Introduction apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

**Item 2: Minister's report**

The Committee will receive a report from the Minister for Rural Development and Wales Abroad.

Paper ARD 17-02(p1)  
Officials Huw Brodie, Director, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Department

**Item 3: CAP mid-term review**

To receive a progress report on developments within the CAP mid-term review

Papers ARD 16-02(p2)  
Officials Huw Brodie, Director, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Department  
Rory O'Sullivan, Head of Agriculture & Fisheries Policy Division

**Item 4: Scrapie**

To consider existing strategies for the eradication of scrapie

Paper ARD 17-02(p3)  
Officials Gwyn Jones, Animal Health Division

*A 15 minute break will be taken at approximately 10.45am*

**Item 5: Committee inquiry into agri-environmental schemes**

To take oral evidence from the RSPB

Paper ARD 17-02(p4) (RSPB)

Present            Dr Tony Prater, RSPB  
                      Richard Lewis Davies, RSPB

**Item 6: Rural retailing**

To consider the report from Wales Co-operative centre on rural retailing

Papers            ARD 17-02(p5)  
Officials         Jasper Roberts, Rural Policy Division

**Item 7: Minutes of the previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the 27 November meeting

Papers            ARD 16-02(mins)