

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Concise Minutes : EUR(3)-12-10 : 21 September 2010

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**Time: 9.20 – 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

### Witnesses

Christine Chapman AM (Item 3)  
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM (Item 3)  
Iwan Williams, European Policy and Communications Officer, WLGA European Office (Item 3)

Sir Kim Darroch, UK's Permanent Representative to the EU (via video conference, Item 4)  
Tim Render, Counsellor, UK Representation to the EU (via video conference, Item 4)

Jill Evans MEP (via video conference, Item 5)  
Derek Vaughan MEP (via conference, Item 5)

### Committee Staff

Lara Date, Clerk  
Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk  
Gregg Jones, Head of National Assembly for Wales' EU Office

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from Nick Bourne. There was no substitution.
- 1.3 The Chair updated Members on Committee-related events that had taken place over the summer recess.
- 1.4 The Chair welcomed Eleanor Burnham to her first meeting since taking over from Michael German AM.

### 2. Scoping Paper for Inquiry: Review of Participation of Welsh Stakeholders in EU Funding Programmes

- 2.1 The Committee discussed the paper and agreed the scope and terms of reference for the inquiry.

#### Action:

The Committee Clerk to issue a call for written evidence and schedule evidence sessions in the Committee work programme.

### 3: Committee of the Regions: Updates from Welsh Members

- 3.1 The Committee received an update from Welsh Committee of the Region representatives.

### 4. Update on EU Developments: UK Permanent Representative to the EU – by video conference

- 4.1 The Committee received a perspective from the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU on EU developments and their implications for the UK and Wales.

### 5. Welsh MEPs: Update on EU Developments and Activities – by video conference from the European Parliament

- 5.1 The Committee received an update from the MEPs on their activities in the European Parliament.

### 6: Papers Noted

6.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

EUR(3)-12-10 Paper 5 - Letter from First Minister - 2nd Report on Cohesion Policy

EUR(3)-12-10 Paper 6 – Letter from Secretary of State for Wales – 2nd Report on Cohesion Policy

EUR(3)-12-10 Paper 7 – Letter from Commissioner Andor – 2nd Report on Cohesion Policy

EUR(3)-12-10 Paper 8 – Government Response to Committee Report on the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010

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