

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 22 November 2012**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 14:35**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Vaughan Gething
Llyr Huws Gruffydd
William Powell
David Rees
Antoinette Sandbach

Witnesses:

Kevin Austin, Welsh Government
Alun Davies, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes
Victoria Davies, Welsh Government
David Hughes, European Commission in Wales
Professor Peter Matthews, Natural Resources Wales
Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Nia Seaton (Researcher)
Gregg Jones (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Keith Davies and Julie James. Ken Skates substituted for Keith Davies.

2. Inquiry into the proposed abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board

2.1 The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from the meeting for items 4, 5 and 8

4. Update on the European Commission's Forward Work Programme

4.1 The witnesses updated the Committee on the European Commission's Forward Work Programme.

5. Natural Resources Wales

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee on Natural Resources Wales.

6. Papers to note

Letter from the Minister for Environment & Sustainable Development – Actions arising from 18 October meeting on Budget Scrutiny

6.1 The Committee considered the letter from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development.

7. The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order – Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence it had received on the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order.

TRANSCRIPT

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