

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel and video Conference via Zoom	Robert Donovan Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 3 February 2022	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 09.30	SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair has determined that the public are excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health. This meeting will be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

Public Meeting (09.30–15.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest
(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note
(09.30)

2.1 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy

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Attached Documents:

Late Payments Framework



2.2 Letter from the Minister for Economy

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Ministerial Forum for Trade

2.3 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change

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The Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

2.4 Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd

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Attached Documents:

Review of the committee timetable and committee remit

2.5 Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Report – Minding the future: The childcare barrier facing working parents

2.6 Letter from the Minister for Finance & Local Government

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Attached Documents:

Finalised provisional Common Framework for Public Procurement

2.7 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

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Attached Documents:

The Ivory Act (Commencement No.1) Regulations 2021

3 Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – Joint Fisheries Statement

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 12 – 23)

Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales and Trefnydd

Gareth Bevington, Deputy Director, Marine and Fisheries

Tamsin Brown, Head of Future Fisheries and Divisional Support

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Break (10.30–10.35)

4 Joint Fisheries Statement – Fisheries sector

(10.35–11.35)

Jim Evans, Chairman, Welsh Fishermen's Association

Trevor Jones, Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association

Break (11.35–11.50)

5 Joint Fisheries Statement – Environmental Groups

Emily Williams, Marine Policy Officer, RSPB Cymru

Gareth Cunningham, Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture, Marine Conservation Society

Break (12.50–13.30)

6 Development Bank of Wales – Annual Report scrutiny

(13.30–14.30)

(Pages 24 – 34)

Gareth Bullock, Chair of Development Bank of Wales Board

Giles Thorley, Chief Executive

David Staziker, Chief Financial Officer

Mike Owen, Investment Director

Attached Documents:

Research brief

- 7 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.2) on the Professional Qualifications Bill**
(14.30–14.40) (Pages 35 – 51)
- Attached Documents:
Legal advice note
- 8 Consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill**
(14.40–14.50) (Pages 52 – 55)
- Attached Documents:
Legal advice note
- 9 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill**
(14.50–14.55) (Pages 56 – 67)
- Attached Documents:
Legal advice note
- 10 Consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Subsidy Control Bill**
(14.55–15.00) (Pages 68 – 72)
- Attached Documents:
Legal advice note
- 11 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**
(15.00)
- 12 Private**
(15.00–15.40) (Pages 73 – 89)
- Consideration of evidence following the meeting

- Consideration of Common Frameworks
- Consideration of Draft Report on the Professional Qualifications Bill SLCM (No.2)
- Consideration of Draft Report on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill LCM

Attached Documents:

Common Frameworks

Report on the Professional Qualifications Bill SLCM (No.2)

Report on the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill LCM

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**Pwyllgor yr Economi,
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Vaughan Gething MS
Minister for Economy

17 January 2022

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Late Payments Framework. The Late Payments and Public Procurement Common Frameworks span the remits of both the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.

As I'm sure you appreciate, many Frameworks fall within the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs committee's remit. To ensure adequate time and attention is given to the Late Payments and Public Procurement Frameworks, and to give my committee more time to concentrate on the remainder, Mark Isherwood and I have agreed that the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee will lead on the scrutiny of these two frameworks.

I have copied this letter to Mark Isherwood for his information.

Best regards,



Paul Davies MS
Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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21 January 2022

Dear Paul, Huw

I wanted to let you know, per the inter-institutional relations agreement, that a meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Trade is scheduled for 26th January 2022.

The agenda will include updates on;

- progress with Free Trade Agreement negotiations
- discussions about the World Trade Organisation disputes process
- a review of the Terms of Reference for the forum.

I will update you further following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Vaughan Gething AS/MS
Gweinidog yr Economi
Minister for Economy

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Julie James AS/MS
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25 January 2022

Dear Huw,

The Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

The above titled SI revokes retained direct EU legislation relating to pesticides, and in particular, legislation relating to plant protection products and maximum residue levels which are redundant retained EU law.

The effect of SI is to revoke redundant retained direct EU legislation which forms part of the plant protection product (“PPP”) and maximum residue level (“MRL”) regulatory regimes, so that these regimes can continue to operate effectively following the end of the implementation period. The revocations concern direct EU legislation which came into force towards the end of the implementation period (and so was not addressed by the earlier EU Exit SIs) and which is given effect in Great Britain through transitional provisions in the earlier EU Exit SIs and the national statutory registers. As a result, the retained direct EU legislation to be revoked is no longer required.

The SI is subject to the negative procedure, and was laid before Parliament on 18 January 2022 with a commencement date of 4 April 2022.

Although the Welsh Government’s general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion given the policy alignment between all three governments, and the clear advantages given the subject matter of the law relating to England, Scotland and Wales being accessible in a single instrument, I consider that legislating separately for Wales would be neither the most appropriate way to give effect to the necessary changes nor a prudent use of Welsh Government resources given other important priorities.

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I am therefore writing to you to let you know I have given my consent, to the Secretary of State to make this SI in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement, which can be found at:

<https://senedd.wales/media/hu5pxuh4/ws-ld14873-e.pdf>

I am copying this letter to Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, SeneddClimate@senedd.wales and Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales for their information.

Yours sincerely

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Julie James AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change

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Elin Jones MS
Chair, Business Committee
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26 January 2022

Dear Llywydd,

Thank you for your letter regarding the review of the committee timetable and committee remits. The Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee discussed your letter and the review at our meeting on the 20th of January.

Members were unanimous in their view that the current timetable works well as it gives Members the time to prepare and engage with each Committee they sit on and as such allows them and the committee to be very effective. Whilst fortnightly meetings may not be ideal Members were concerned if the number of meetings were increased their ability to engage with them would be negatively affected.

One Member told the Committee if they were to attend both the committees they sit on every week that alongside their constituency and other pressing work as a Senedd Member they would not be able to give both sufficient time and would need to prioritise one Committee. The rest of the Committee agreed with this.

Members are content with the remit of the Committee. They are also happy with the meeting slot we currently occupy.

Regarding assessing the effectiveness of Committee work, in our first meeting last term the Committee set strategic aims and goals. As part of our meeting on the 20th of January we held a short review of these and will continue to review through the life of the Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

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Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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Paul Davies MS
Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

25th January 2022

Dear Paul

Minding the future: The childcare barrier facing working parents. – A report from the Equality and Social Justice Committee

Further to previous correspondence relating to joint working, please find attached a copy of the Equality and Social Justice Committee's report which looks at the provision of childcare for working parents in Wales. Please note that the report is under embargo until 00.01 on Friday 28th January.

The report also explores issues such as the awareness and accessibility of the Childcare Offer; sustainability of the sector and workforce issues.

I hope this report will be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Rebecca Evans MS
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol
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27 January 2022

Dear Mark,

I am pleased to share with the Committee, the finalised provisional Common Framework for Public Procurement.

This Framework establishes common expectations around key areas of cooperation in public procurement in the context of the UK's departure from the EU. All four UK administrations agreed to work together to establish common approaches, known as Common Frameworks, in policy areas that were previously governed by EU law and which intersect with areas of devolved competence.

Officials in the Welsh Government, together with their counterparts across the UK, have been working jointly to develop this Framework to share with their respective scrutiny Committees for scrutiny.

I understand my counterparts across the devolved administrations will be taking similar steps to engage with their respective parliaments.

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The document can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-provisional-common-framework>

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Rebecca Evans AS/MS

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28 January 2022

Dear Huw,

The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) Regulations 2021 The Ivory Act (Commencement No.1) Regulations 2021

I am writing to make you aware I am giving consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to lay The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemption) (Process and Procedure) Regulations on 3 February 2022. These regulations will come into force on 24 February 2022.

Agreement was sought by Victoria Prentis MP, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food to make these regulations, which will apply to the United Kingdom.

The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) Regulations 2021 makes detailed provision for the operation of the exemptions processes under the Ivory Act (2018). This will apply to the UK as a whole and will allow persons to register items containing ivory for exemption from the eventual prohibition of ivory sales, subject to specific criteria.

The Ivory Act (Commencement No.1) Regulations 2021 accompanies the Prohibitions Regulations. These regulations will bring into force the specified provisions of the Ivory Act (2018), which deal with registration and exemption on 1 February 2022 (for regulation making powers) and 24 February 2022 for all remaining purposes.

It is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence. However, as the Welsh Government's position on ivory trade aligns with that of DEFRA and the other UK administrations, I am giving my consent to the proposed legislation which I believe will bring consistency to the introduction of an ivory sales prohibition in the UK.

Without such consent, Wales would be left out of alignment with other UK administrations in its approach to ivory sale prohibition. This could reduce the positive impacts of banning ivory sales across the UK and maintain demand for products containing ivory, thus contributing to the persisting threat to global elephant populations, which are illegally poached for ivory.

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The Prohibitions Regulations will not commence the prohibition of ivory sales in the UK. The prohibition of ivory sales in the UK is due to commence in spring 2022.

I am copying this letter to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, and the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee for their information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Lesley Griffiths AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Materion Gwledig a Gogledd Cymru, a'r Trefnydd
Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

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