

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 17 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.34 – 14.25

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Paul Harrington, Welsh Government Rob Parry, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government Claire McDonald, Welsh Government



	<p>Steffan Roberts, Welsh Government</p> <p>Bill MacDonald, Welsh Government</p> <p>Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government</p> <p>Victoria Jones, Welsh Government</p> <p>Heledd Owen, Welsh Government</p> <p>Estevao Simoes, Welsh Government</p> <p>Gwyn Howells, Hybu Cig Cymru</p> <p>Huw Thomas, NFU Cymru</p> <p>Gareth Parry, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Robert Donovan (Clerk)</p> <p>Lara Date (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Rhun Davies (Researcher)</p> <p>Rosemary Hill (Researcher)</p> <p>Nia Moss (Researcher)</p> <p>Katy Orford (Researcher)</p> <p>Lorna Scurlock (Researcher)</p> <p>Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions

1.2 Sam Kurtz declared interests as chair of Pembrokeshire young farmers and director of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs as a charitable trust

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted

2.1 Letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd

2.2 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy and Minister for Social Justice

2.3 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales & Trefnydd

2.4 Letter from the Minister for Economy

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

2.6 Letter from the Minister for Economy

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

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

2.9 Letter from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

2.10 Letter from Giles Thorley Chief Executive, Development Bank of Wales

2.11 Letter from the Minister for Economy

3 Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales & Trefnydd

3.1 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd and Welsh Government officials answered questions from Committee Members

4 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Economy

4.1 The Minister for Economy and Welsh Government officials answered questions from Committee Members

4.2 The additional information was noted by the Committee

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from item 6 of today's meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion

6 Common Frameworks (private)

6.1 The Committee discussed the way forward for Common Frameworks

7 UK–Australia Free Trade Agreement

7.1 The witnesses answered Members' questions

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion

9 Private

9.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session

9.2 The Committee discussed the way forward for Common Frameworks and will write to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd