

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 June 2022

Meeting time: 09.34 – 12.20

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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:	Tori Morgan, National Farmers' Union Cymru Nick Fenwick, Farmers' Union of Wales Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government Steffan Roberts, Welsh Government



	<p>Victoria Jones, Welsh Government</p> <p>Gareth Bevington, Welsh Government</p> <p>James Owen, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Robert Donovan (Clerk)</p> <p>Lara Date (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Rhun Davies (Researcher)</p> <p>Katy Orford (Researcher)</p> <p>Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Sally Jones (Official)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions

1.3 Samuel Kurtz MS declared he was a director of the charity Wales Young Farmers Club and chairman of Pembrokeshire YFC

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted

- 2.1 Letter from Member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and Member of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee**
- 2.2 Letter from Andrew RT Davies MS**
- 2.3 Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**
- 2.4 Letter from Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**
- 2.5 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee**
- 2.6 Letter from Farmers' Union of Wales**
- 2.7 Letter from Minister for Climate Change**
- 2.8 Letter from Communications Director, Association of Convenience Stores**
- 2.9 Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**
- 2.10 Letter to Minister for Economy**
- 2.11 Letter from Minister for Economy**
- 2.12 Letter from the Minister for Economy**
- 2.13 Letter from the Minister for Economy to the Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

3 UK–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement

- 3.1 Nick Fenwick and Tori Morgan answered questions from Committee Members**

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

- 4.1 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd and Welsh Government officials answered questions from Committee Members.**

4.2 The Minister would check with the Chief Veterinary Officer regarding any planned action by Welsh Government on flat-faced (brachycephalic) dog breeds and write to the committee. The Minister would write to the Committee to confirm detail of discussions held with UK Government on extending the rural fuel duty relief scheme to Wales.

5 Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Economy

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

5.2 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with an update on a) how Coronavirus business support funding money has been used and b) the money that has been returned.

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion

7 Private

7.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the session