

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 12 January
2023

Meeting time: 09.33 – 12.47

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS Jack Sargeant MS
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Gavin Watkins, Welsh Government Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Jo Salway, Welsh Government



Committee Staff:	
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Hefin David sent his apologies, and Jack Sargeant attended as substitute.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 Letter from the Institute of Physics
- 2.2 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.3 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.4 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee
- 2.5 Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Finance Committee
- 2.6 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.7 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.8 Letter to the Chair of the Petitions Committee
- 2.9 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee
- 2.10 Letter from the First Minister
- 2.11 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.12 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 2.13 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to the
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
- 2.14 Letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.15 Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd
- 2.16 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the First Minister
- 2.17 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Chief Secretary
to the Treasury
- 2.18 Letter to the Minister for Economy
- 2.19 Letter from the Minister for Economy
- 2.20 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget – Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

3.2 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd agreed to provide the Committee with the value of the Farming Connect contract for April 2023 to March 2025.

3.3 The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd agreed to provide the Committee with an update to discussions at the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the impact of avian flu on the poultry sector.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget – Minister for Economy

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Economy.

5 Legislative Consent: Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill: Revised LCM and Supplementary LCM

5.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

6 Legislative Consent: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill LCM

6.1 The Committee considered the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Private

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous evidence sessions.

9 Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee Inquiry into Public Appointments

9.1 The Committee considered the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee's Inquiry into Public Appointments and agreed not to provide a formal response.

10 Legislative Consent: Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill: Revised LCM and Supplementary LCM

10.1 The Committee agreed to follow up in correspondence to the Minister for Climate Change.

11 Legislative Consent: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill LCM

11.1 The Committee agreed to follow up in writing to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

12 International Agreement: Agreement between the UK and Switzerland on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment

12.1 The Committee noted the Agreement between the UK and Switzerland on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment.