

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 December 2023

Meeting time: 10.02 – 12.34

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Llyr Gruffydd MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Buffy Williams 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 Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government Dr Richard Irvine, Welsh Government



	Dean Medcraft, Welsh Government Jo Salway, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Lara Date, Clerk Rob Donovan, Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Sara Moran, Researcher Lucy Morgan, Researcher Katy Orford, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher

1 Scoping: Farming Connect

1.1 The Committee considered and agreed the scoping paper.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.2 Llyr Gruffydd MS attended as a substitute for Luke Fletcher MS for items 1,2,3 and 4. There were no declarations of interest.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 3.1 **Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade meeting**
- 3.2 **Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee meeting – 30 November 2023: The Future of Welsh Steel session**
- 3.3 **UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly**
- 3.4 **The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Wales) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2023 (“the Wales Regulations”)**
- 3.5 **Habitat Wales Scheme (HWS)**
- 3.6 **The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

4 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd.

5 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Minister for Economy

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Economy.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the start of the meeting on 18 January 2024.

6.1 The Motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and the start of the meeting on 18 January 2024 was agreed.

7 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.