

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 31 January
2024

Meeting time: 09.29 – 11.08

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS (In place of Buffy Williams MS) Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS
Witnesses:	Professor Dylan Jones–Evans, Individual
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Lara Date, Second Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Gareth Howells, Legal Adviser Sara Moran, Researcher Ben Stokes, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Vikki Howells MS and Buffy Williams MS. Alun Davies MS attended as a substitute.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 General Ministerial Scrutiny session – 13 December 2023

2.2 Development Bank of Wales inquiry

2.3 Legislative Consent: Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill

2.4 Farming Connect

3 Development Bank of Wales inquiry: Panel 1 – Welsh Perspective

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Development Bank of Wales.

3.2 Professor Dylan Jones–Evans agreed to write to the Committee with additional information regarding the Development Bank of Wales

4 Legislative Consent: Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans–Pacific Partnership) Bill

4.1 The Committee discussed the Legislative Consent: Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans–Pacific Partnership) Bill and agreed to write to the Minister for Economy for additional information.

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

5.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Agree report

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report.

8 Legislative Consent: Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans–Pacific Partnership) Bill

8.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government requesting a progress update.

9 The Future of Welsh Steel: consideration of approach to scrutiny

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed its approach to scrutiny.