

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 6 March 2024

Meeting time: 09.29 – 12.09

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Llyr Gruffydd MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Samuel Kurtz MS Vikki Howells MS Hefin David 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 Dr Richard Irvine, Welsh Government Helen John, Welsh Government Jo Salway, Welsh Government Tom Smithson, Welsh Government



Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk
	Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk
	Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer
	Aled Evans, Legal Adviser
	Chloe Corbyn, Researcher
	Sara Moran, Researcher
	Katy Orford, 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 Luke Fletcher MS for item 3. Llyr Gruffydd MS attended as a substitute.
- 1.3 Luke Fletcher MS and Llyr Gruffydd MS declared they were members of the British Veterinary Association. Luke Fletcher MS declared that he sits on sub groups of the Tata Steel UK Transition Board.

## **2 Papers to note**

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

## **2.16 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee**

## **2.2 The Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

## **2.3 The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2024**

## **2.4 Drainage Districts**

## **2.5 Border Controls**

## **2.6 Future of Welsh Steel**

## **2.7 The Environment and Rural Affairs (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024**

## **2.8 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

## **2.9 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Nuclear Energy and the Welsh Economy**

## **2.10 The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2024**

# **3 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

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

3.2 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee with a note on the peer-reviewed report by Colin Birch on the impact of the removal of infected wildlife on Bovine TB incidences in England.

# **4 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Minister for Economy**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Economy.

4.2 The Minister agreed to write to the Committee to provide figures regarding the takeup of apprenticeships in the January programmes.

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

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

## **6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received. It was agreed that the Chair would write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs about Ministerial engagement with Welsh Ministers on devolved matters.