

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Ty Hywel
and Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 March 2024

Meeting time: 09.34 – 14.25

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Vikki Howells MS Hefin David MS
Witnesses:	Mike Wedderspoon, Director for Strategic Engagement and Delivery, Scottish National Investment Bank David Ritchie, Executive Director for Partnerships and Engagement, Scottish National Investment Bank Felix Milbank, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Jessica Hooper, Director, RenewableUK Cymru Ben Burggraaf, Net Zero Industry Wales Tom Hill, Marine Energy Programme Manager, Marine Energy Wales Benedict Ferguson, Community Energy in Pembrokeshire



	<p>Sarah Evans, CWMPASS – Wales Co-operative Centre</p> <p>Dr Jack Price, Wales Centre for Public Policy</p> <p>Karen Kastner, Vice President, Strategy, Priorities and Shareholder Relations, Business Development Bank of Canada</p> <p>Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p> <p>Dr Alison Parken, Cardiff University</p> <p>Ned Hammond, Head of Energy and Environment, Onward UK</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Rob Donovan, Clerk</p> <p>Lara Date, Second Clerk</p> <p>Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer</p> <p>Lucy Morgan, Researcher</p> <p>Ben Stokes, Researcher</p> <p>Gareth Thomas, Researcher</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 UK–EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

2.2 Inter–ministerial dialogue and engagement

2.3 Development Bank of Wales

3 Development Bank of Wales inquiry: Panel 3 – Global Perspective

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the development bank of Wales.

4 Inquiry: Green Economy – Panel 1 – Business and Renewables

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the green economy.

5 Inquiry: Green Economy – Panel 2 – Alternative Models of Ownership

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the green economy.

6 Development Bank of Wales inquiry – Panel 4 – Global Perspective

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the development bank of Wales.

7 Inquiry: Green Economy – Panel 3 – Independent experts

7.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the green economy.

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

8.1 The Motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

9 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.