

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.31 – 11.28

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language Aine Gawthorpe, Welsh Government Helen John, Welsh Government Neil Surman, Welsh Government Ed Sherriff, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Lara Date, Second Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk



	Lucy Morgan, Researcher Sara Moran, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Under Standing Order 17.22, Sam Kurtz MS was elected as temporary Chair.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Paul Davies MS.
- 1.4 Jenny Rathbone MS declared that she has shares in Siemens and Awl Aman Tawe, and her partner is an adviser to Bute Energy.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 Development Bank of Wales inquiry

2.2 Bovine TB

2.3 General Ministerial Scrutiny session – 13 June 2024: Follow up

2.4 Hybu Cig Cymru

2.5 Future of Welsh Steel

3 General Ministerial scrutiny – Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to the Committee to advise the actions that Welsh Government are taking to substitute and improve food security around basic products.
- 3.3 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to the Committee to provide more information on the reasons for pausing trade deal negotiations with Canada and Mexico.

- 3.4 The Cabinet Secretary committed to publishing the Welsh Government paper on its approach to trade policy and the cross-cutting policy objectives after the general election.
- 3.5 The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government with questions Members had on Freeports that were not reached during the session.

4 Green economy inquiry: Panel 9 – Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language

- 4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language on the green economy.

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 Forward Work Programme discussion

- 7.1 The Committee considered and agreed its forward work programme for the Autumn term 2024.