

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 – Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 29 February  
2024

Meeting time: 09.32 – 12.53

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS
Witnesses:	Ben Burggraaf, Net Zero Industry Wales Tom Hoyles, GMB Peter Hughes, UNITE Wales Alasdair McDiarmid, Community Union Dr Clare Richardson–Barlow, University of Leeds Professor Dave Worsley, Swansea University
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer Aled Evans, Legal Adviser



	Chloe Corbyn, Researcher Sara Moran, Researcher Gareth Thomas, Researcher Jamie Matthews, Communications
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Luke Fletcher MS declared that he sits on sub groups of the Tata Steel UK Transition Board.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Hefin David MS.

## **2 Papers to note**

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.
- 2.1 **Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee meeting – 7 February 2024: Further information following the Tata Steel UK session**
- 2.2 **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee**
- 2.3 **Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee meeting – 7 February 2024: Further information following the Border Target Operating Model session**
- 2.4 **Sustainable Farming Scheme**
- 2.5 **The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024**
- 2.6 **The Official Controls (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

## **3 Future of Welsh Steel: Steel Unions**

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the future of Welsh steel.

## **4 Future of Welsh Steel: Expert panel**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the future of Welsh steel.

## **5 Future of Welsh Steel: Expert panel 2**

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the future of Welsh steel.

5.2 Professor Vera Trappmann agreed to write to the Committee to provide additional information on managing the transition of the workforce and learning from other countries in how to manage this transition. This was supplementary to Professor Trappmann's written evidence provided for the meeting itself, which had been noted by Members and would be published in due course.

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

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

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

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.