

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 1 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 March 2024

Meeting time: 13.48 – 15.02

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Alun Davies MS (in place of Buffy Williams MS)
Witnesses:	The Rt Hon David TC Davies MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales
Committee Staff:	Rob Donovan, Clerk Lara Date, Clerk Tanwen Summers, Deputy Clerk Aled Evans, Legal Adviser 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 Hefin David MS and Buffy Williams MS. Alun Davies MS attended as a substitute for Buffy Williams.
- 1.3 Luke Fletcher MS declared that he sits on a sub group of the Tata Steel UK Transition Board.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.
- 2.1 **Farming Connect**
- 2.2 **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee**

3 Future of Welsh Steel: Secretary of State for Wales

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales.
- 3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Department for Business and Trade to seek more information, with regard to its consideration of Tata's business model for an electric arc furnace using scrap steel, to putting a ban on exporting scrap steel.

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

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

5 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

- 5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.