

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 5 December 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 14.45

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Papers to note

09.30

2.1 Legislative consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and
Planning – 20 November 2024



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2.2 Tourism industry

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2.3 Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Wales) Regulations 2024

(Pages 4 – 11)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership – 20 November 2024

2.4 Consultation on amendments to the Joint Fisheries Statement

(Pages 12 – 14)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 20 November 2024

Letter from the Chair to the Welsh Fishermen's Association (WFA) – 20 November 2024

2.5 Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 21 November 2024

2.6 The Foundational Economy

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Ali Abdi, Cardiff University – 28 November 2024

Letter from the Chair to Sarah Simmonds, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – 28 November 2024

3 AI and the Welsh Economy – Panel 1 – Independent experts

09.30 – 10.30

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Matt Davies, Economic and Social Policy Lead, Ada Lovelace Institute

Professor Rossi Setchi, Professor in High-Value Manufacturing and Director of Research Centre in AI, Robotics and Human-Machine Systems (IROHMS), Cardiff University

Professor Alun Preece, Director, Hartree Centre Cardiff Hub, Cardiff University

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Ada Lovelace Institute

Evidence paper – Professor Rossi Setchi

Break

10.30 – 10.40

4 AI and the Welsh Economy – Panel 2 – Business

10.40 – 11.40

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Paul Teather, Chief Executive Officer, AMPLYFI

Klaire Tanner, Founder & Creative Director, CreuTech

Felix Milbank, Deputy Head of Policy (Wales), Federation of Small Businesses Wales (FSB)

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – AMPLYFI

Evidence paper – Federation of Small Businesses Wales (FSB)

Break

11.40 – 11.50

5 AI and the Welsh Economy – Panel 3 – Workforce

11.50 – 12.50

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Professor Lina Dencik, Research Leader in AI Justice, Goldsmiths University of London and Co-Founder of Data Justice Lab

Matt Buckley, Committee Member of United Tech and Allied Workers (CWU)

Ceri Williams, Policy Officer, TUC Cymru

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Professor Lina Dencik

Evidence paper – TUC Cymru

Break

12.50 – 13.30

6 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

13.30 – 14.45

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government

Gian Marco Currado, Director – Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Welsh Government

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

14.45

Private session

14.45 – 15.25

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

14.45 – 15.00

9 Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill – consideration of draft report

15.00 – 15.15

(Pages 109 – 117)

Attached Documents:

Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill draft report

10 Forward work programme

15.15 – 15.25

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Attached Documents:

Draft forward work programme – Spring term 2025

Scoping paper – Apprenticeship pathways