

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 27 March 2025

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.44

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Prys Morgan, Kepak José Peralta, Meat Promotion Wales Catherine Smith, Meat Promotion Wales
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Nicole Haylor-Mott (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Andrew Minnis (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Thomas Morris (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Hefin David MS in relation to items 2,3 and 4, joining the meeting for the private session only.

1.2 Under SO 17.24A, Andrew RT Davies MS and Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest in relation to items 2 and 3.

2 Hybu Cig Cymru – Panel 2

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Prys Morgan (St Merryn Merthyr, Kepak).

3 Hybu Cig Cymru – Panel 3

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from José Peralta, (CEO, Hybu Cig Cymru) and Catherine Smith (Chair, Hybu Cig Cymru).

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 4.1 **Petition P-06-1488 Establish a 'Care Society' to Tackle the Long COVID Crisis in Wales**
- 4.2 **Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
- 4.3 **Delays in Intensive Poultry Unit (IPU) Application Decisions – Request for Clear Timeline and Interim Measures**
- 4.4 **Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure**
- 4.5 **Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes**
- 4.6 **Follow-up to the Committee meeting held on 12 February 2025 – Apprenticeship pathways**
- 4.7 **Apprenticeship pathways – work experience**
- 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 discussed the evidence heard during items 2 and 3.
- 7 **Apprenticeship pathways: Key Issues discussion**
 - 7.1 The Committee discussed the key issues paper for the inquiry.
 - 7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Further and Higher Education to request an update on progress made in developing a national strategy for vocational education and training, following the response on the matter from Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership under item 4.6.
 - 7.3 The Committee agreed to return to the key issues paper at a future meeting, once the response from the Minister for Further and Higher Education has been received.

8 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – Consideration of draft report

8.1 The Committee considered the draft report, and agreed to its publication following a couple of minor drafting amendments.

9 The Foundational Economy: Consideration of draft report

9.1 The Committee considered the draft report, and agreed to its publication following small amendments.