

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.33 – 11.45

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	David Harries, Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Cymru Huw Thomas, Puffin Produce
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Thomas Morris (Researcher)



	Madeline Phillips (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Hannah Blythyn MS gave notice in advance she would join the meeting part way through item 2.

2 Food Processing: panel 1

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Huw Thomas (Puffin Produce and Pembrokeshire Creamery) and David Harries (Food and Drink Federation Cymru).

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 3.1 Economy Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: AI and the Welsh Economy
- 3.2 Follow-up to 15 May Committee meeting: Glastir and National Minimum Standards
- 3.3 The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- 3.4 Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021
- 3.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement – Stakeholder Event
- 3.6 Soil Health in Agriculture
- 3.7 Anonymous Committee Evidence
- 3.8 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report
- 3.9 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Council of the Nations and Regions Meeting and other Intergovernmental Meetings
- 3.10 Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025
- 3.11 Inter-Ministerial Group on UK–EU Relations
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting
 - 4.1 The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.
- 5 Food Processing: consideration of evidence
 - 5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence heard under item 2.
- 6 Trade update
 - 6.1 The Committee discussed the trade update paper.

7 Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA): consideration of draft chapter

7.1 The Committee reviewed and considered the draft report chapter, and agreed the recommendations in principle following some drafting changes.

8 Apprenticeship Pathways: consideration of draft report

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