

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.31 – 10.47

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Hefin David MS Rhun ap Iorwerth MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) Samuel Kurtz MS
Witnesses:	Nick Allen, British Meat Processors Association José Peralta, Meat Promotion Wales John Thorley, Association of Independent Meat Suppliers
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor-Mott (Deputy Clerk) Gruffydd Owen (Legal Adviser) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Hannah Blythyn MS and Luke Fletcher MS. Rhun ap Iorwerth MS attended as a substitute for Luke Fletcher MS.

1.3 Under SO 17.24A, Andrew RT Davies MS, Samuel Kurtz MS and Rhun ap Iorwerth MS declared an interest.

2 Food Processing: Panel 2

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from John Thorley (Association of Independent Meat Suppliers), Nick Allen (British Meat Processors Association), and José Peralta (Hybu Cig Cymru).

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

3.1 Soil Health in Agriculture inquiry

3.2 Development Bank of Wales: Independent review

3.3 The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

3.4 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC)

3.5 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure: fair work for seafarers

3.6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Meeting of the Tourism Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG)

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 Legislative Consent: Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill

6.1 The Committee considered the content of this LCM, and agreed for its view to be formed into a draft report for consideration at its next meeting.