

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 12 February 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 11.50

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Papers to note

09.30

2.1 Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government and the Welsh Government on Investment zones

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 29 January
2025



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2.2 Legislative consent: Employment Rights Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd – 31 January 2025

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership – 31 January 2025

2.3 Holyhead Port storm damage and closure

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister of Transport, Government of Ireland – 4 February 2025

Letter from the Chair to stakeholders – 4 February 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee – 5 February 2025

2.4 Follow-up to 15 January 2025 Committee meeting – Young Person's Guarantee

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership – 4 February 2025

2.5 Legislative consent: Data (Use and Access) Bill

(Pages 15 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair of the Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee – 5 February 2025

2.6 Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government and Welsh Government

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 5 February 2025

2.7 Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 5 February 2025

3 Apprenticeship pathways – Panel 4 – Regional Skills Partnerships

09.30 – 10.40

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Leigh Hughes, Chair, Cardiff Capital Region Employment and Skills Board (ESB)

Owain Jones, Regional Learning and Skills Partnership South West Wales Construction cluster group member, and CITB Trustee and Board Member
Pryderi Ap Rhisiart, Digital Skills Group Chair, North Wales Regional Skills Partnership

Ceri Stephens, Chair, Regional Skills Partnership M&E cluster group, and the Mid Wales Manufacturing group

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence Paper – Cardiff Capital Regional Skills Partnership

Evidence Paper – Regional Learning and Skills Partnership South West Wales

Evidence paper – North Wales Regional Skills Partnership

Evidence Paper – Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership

Break

10.40 – 10.50

4 Apprenticeship pathways – Panel 5 – Welsh Government

10.50 – 11.50

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Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership, Welsh Government

Neil Surman, Deputy Director – Skills, Welsh Government

Rachel Sanders, Head of Apprenticeships, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Welsh Government

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

11.50

Private session

11.50 – 12.35

6 Consideration of evidence following the meeting and draft engagement report

11.50 – 12.10

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Attached Documents:

Engagement Report

7 Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill – Consideration of draft report

12.10 – 12.15

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

Draft report

8 Soil Health: Consideration of Scope and Approach paper

12.15 – 12.25

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Attached Documents:

Scope and Approach Paper

9 Green Economy: Consideration of draft report

12.25 – 12.35

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

Draft report