

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 6 March 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 14.30

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Papers to note

09.30

2.1 Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill

(Pages 1 – 6)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 7 February 2025

Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Senedd Commission to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 13 February 2025



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Letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 13 February 2025

2.2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2025–26

(Pages 7 – 8)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the National Training Federation for Wales – 11 February 2025

2.3 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC)

(Pages 9 – 13)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 13 February 2025

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 26 February 2025

2.4 Meeting of the Inter–Ministerial Group for Business and Industry

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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 – 17 February 2025

2.5 Meat Promotion Wales / Hybu Cig Cymru

(Pages 15 – 16)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Stakeholders – 18 February 2025

2.6 Lord of the Manor Titles

(Pages 17 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 21 February 2025

2.7 Follow-up to the Committee meeting held on 5 February 2025

(Pages 19 – 20)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 24 February 2025

2.8 Follow-up to the Committee meeting held on 12 February 2025 – Apprenticeship pathways

(Pages 21 – 23)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 25 February 2025

2.9 Apprenticeship pathways

(Pages 24 – 31)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru (RTPI) – 14 February 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Joint Chairs of the Apprenticeship Cross Party Group – 25 February 2025

Letter from the Chair to Estyn – 25 February 2025

Letter from the Chair to the Welsh Independent Schools Council – 25 February 2025

2.10 Future of Welsh Steel

(Pages 32 – 35)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government – 25 February 2025

2.11 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – additional evidence

(Pages 36 – 40)

Attached Documents:

Federation of Small Businesses Wales (FSB)

Logistics UK

3 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – Panel 1 – Ports

09.30 – 10.30

(Pages 41 – 67)

Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association

Ian Davies, Government Affairs Stena Line, Stena Line Ports

Anna Malloy, Communications and Marketing Director, Port of Milford Haven

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Stena Line Ports

Break

10.30 – 10.40

4 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – Panel 2 – Trade and Logistics

10.40 – 11.40

(Pages 68 – 73)

Martin Reid, RHA Policy Director for Wales, Road Haulage Association

Liam Lacey, Director, Irish Maritime Development Office

Eugene Drennan, Manager, Irish Road Haulage Association

Professor Andrew Potter, Professor in Logistics and Transport, Cardiff University

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Road Haulage Association

Evidence paper – Professor Andrew Potter

Break

11.40 – 11.50

5 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – Panel 3 – Business and Local Government

11.50 – 12.50

(Pages 74 – 79)

Christian Branch, Head of Regulation and Economic Development Service, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Sarah Bailey, CEO, West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce

Howard Browes, Chair, Cybi Business Forum, and Holyhead Business Owner

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Lunch break

12.50 – 13.30

6 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure – Panel 4 – Welsh Government

13.30 – 14.30

Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, Welsh Government

Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Welsh Government

Duncan Hamer, Director of Operations – Business & Regions, Welsh Government

Steven McGregor, Deputy Director – North Wales, Welsh Government

Stephen Rowan, Deputy Director – National and International Connectivity, Welsh Government

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and for items 1, 2 and 3 of the meeting on 12 March 2025

14.30

Private session

14.30 – 14.45

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

14.30 – 14.45