

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.32 – 11.57

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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:	Julie Bishop, Public Health Wales Dr Robert Bowen, Cardiff University Mary Ann Brocklesby, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Jon Parker, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk)



	Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Under SO 17.24A, Andrew RT Davies MS and Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest.

2 Food Processing: Panel 3

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Dr Robert Bowen (Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University), and Jon Parker (Food, Farming and Countryside Commission).

3 Food Processing: Panel 4

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Julie Bishop (Public Health Wales), and Councillor Mary Ann Brocklesby (Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)).

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

4.1 Employment Rights Bill

4.2 Review of Business Support

4.3 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry

4.4 UK-EU SPS agreement and the Common Understanding agreement

4.5 Petition P-06-1488: Establish a 'Care Society' to Tackle the Long Covid Crisis in Wales

4.6 Holyhead Port storm damage and closure: Initial findings report

4.7 Committee visit to Community Support Centre, Port Talbot

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 Food Processing: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.

7 Legislative Consent: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill (2024 – 2025)

7.1 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.

8 Hybu Cig Cymru: Consideration of draft report

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

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

Bill: Consideration of draft report

- 9.1 The Committee agreed to the draft report and its publication.