

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 20 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 11.55

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session 7

09.30 – 10.45

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Barbara Griffiths, North Wales Holiday Cottages

Lisa Stopher, Managing Director, West Wales Holiday Cottages

Carl Thomson, Public Policy Manager (UK), Airbnb

Fiona MacConnacher, Head of Public Affairs UK and Ireland, Booking.com

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Airbnb

Evidence paper – Booking.com



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Break

10.45 – 10.55

3 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session 8

10.55 – 11.55

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Emma Thornton, Chief Executive, Visit Pembrokeshire

Nicky Williamson, UK Director for Wales, Professional Association of Self-Caterers UK

Zoë Hawkins, Chief Executive, MWT Cymru (Mid Wales Tourism)

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Mid Wales Tourism (MWT Cymru)

Evidence paper – Visit Pembrokeshire

Evidence paper – Professional Association of Self-Caterers UK

4 Papers to note

11.55

4.1 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: written evidence

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Mid and West Wales, South Wales, and North Wales Fire & Rescue Services – 4 November 2025

Response from South Wales Fire & Rescue Service – 14 November 2025

Response from Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service – 14 November 2025

Letter from the Chair to Propertymark – 4 November 2025

Response from Propertymark – 14 November 2025

Additional written evidence – Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers (ASSC) and the Scottish Tourism Alliance (STA) – 12 November 2025

4.2 Welsh Government's consultation: proposals for a new Local Growth Fund in Wales

(Pages 77 – 78)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 7
November 2025

4.3 Invitation to give oral evidence to the Committee on the developments in the Welsh steel industry

(Pages 79 – 80)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade – 10
November 2025

4.4 Future of Welsh steel: Transition Board

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 10
November 2025

4.5 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Follow-up information from the meeting held on 5 November 2025

(Pages 82 – 83)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Welsh Revenue Authority – 11 November 2025

4.6 Biocidal Products (Data Protection Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

(Pages 84 – 85)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 11 November 2025

4.7 UK–India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

(Pages 86 – 87)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 11 November 2025

4.8 Inter–Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Independent Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Annual Reports – 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 – 11 November 2025

4.9 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales)

Bill: Follow-up from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee meeting held on 10 November 2025

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language – 12 November 2025

**4.10 Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes:
publication of pre-introduction Bills**

(Pages 93 – 94)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee –
14 November 2025

4.11 Banning peat compost

(Pages 95 – 96)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Committee, UK Parliament – 17 November 2025

4.12 EU–MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement

(Pages 97 – 98)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and
Planning – 17 November 2025

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the
public from items 6, 7, 8 and 10 of today's meeting**

11.55

Private session

11.55 – 12.15

**6 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor
Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

11.55 – 12.15

7 Forward Work Programme Discussion

12.15 – 12.20

(To Follow)

Attached Documents:

Discussion paper

Local Growth Fund scoping paper

Lunch break

12.20 – 13.15

8 Private pre-meet ahead of item 9

13.15 – 13.45

Public session

13.45 – 15.15

9 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session 9 – Final Scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

13.45 – 15.15

The Rt. Hon. Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government

Helen John, Deputy Director, Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government

Robbie Thomas, Head of Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government

Dylan Hughes, First Legislative Counsel, Welsh Government

Emma Anderson, Lawyer, Welsh Government

Private session

15.15 – 16.00

10 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor

Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence and key issues

15.15 – 16.00