

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 5 March 2026

Meeting time: 11.20

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Hybrid

At its meeting on 25 February 2026, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from item 1 of today's meeting.

Private session

11.20 – 11.50

1 Inward Investment: Consideration of draft report

11.20 – 11.50

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Attached Documents:

Draft report

Public session

11.50 – 15.30

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

11.50



3 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Trade and Borders

11.50 – 13.00

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

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

Russell Roberts, Deputy Director – Trade and Investment, Welsh Government

Emily Hole, Head of Trade Policy, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Welsh Government

Break

13.00 – 13.30

4 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Rural Affairs

13.30 – 15.30

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Gian Marco Currado, Director – Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Dr Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Welsh Government

5 Papers to note

15.30

5.1 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's Stage 1 report recommendations

(Pages 105 – 108)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 24 February
2026

5.2 Audit Wales podcast: Challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services

(Pages 109 – 125)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chairs of the Finance
Committee and Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee – 26
February 2026

5.3 Inter-institutional Relations Agreement: Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning – 26
February 2026

5.4 The Chemicals (Health and Safety) (Amendment, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

(Pages 127 – 128)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 26 February 2026

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

15.30

Private session

15.30 – 15.50

7 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

15.30 – 15.50