

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 1 – Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 January  
2026

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.05

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Alun Davies MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Jessica Hooper, RenewableUK Cymru Dave Hughes, Flintshire Council Professor Max Munday, Cardiff University Ken Poole, Cardiff Council Janis Richards, Make UK Rob Stewart, Swansea Council
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk)



	Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 All Members were present at the meeting with no apologies received.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 Inward Investment: Panel 3**

- 2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Jessica Hooper (RenewableUK Cymru), Janis Richards (Make UK), and Professor Max Munday (Cardiff University).

## **3 Inward Investment: Panel 4**

- 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Ken Poole (Cardiff Council), Councillor Dave Hughes (Leader –Flintshire County Council), and Councillor Rob Stewart (Leader – Swansea Council).

## **4 Papers to note**

- 4.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 4.1 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill**
- 4.2 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement**
- 4.3 European Commission adoption of new data adequacy decisions with the UK**
- 4.4 Follow-up from the General Ministerial Scrutiny session held on 3 December 2025**
- 4.5 Steel inquiry**
  
- 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 Inward Investment: Consideration of evidence**
  - 6.1 The Committee considered and discussed the evidence received under Items 2 and 3.
  
- 7 Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings**
  - 7.1 The Committee agreed to the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings.