

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 13 November 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.30 – 15.00**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)**  
**Jeff Cuthbert AM**  
**Russell George AM**  
**Llyr Gruffydd AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**William Powell AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Antoinette Sandbach AM**

### Witnesses:

**Rachel Lewis–Davies, NFU Cymru**  
**Haydn Evans, NFU Cymru**  
**Rhian Nowell–Phillips, Farmers' Union of Wales**  
**Keri Davies, Welsh Organic Group**  
**Chris Atkinson, Soil Association**  
**Stephen Clarkson, Organic Farmers and Growers**  
**Huw Edwards, Organic Food Federation**  
**Nic Lampkin, Organics Research Centre**  
**Tony Little, Organic Centre Wales**  
**Dr Gareth Wood, SSE Energy**  
**Stuart Margerrison, British Gas**  
**John Mason, EDF Energy**  
**Claire Doherty, Scottish Power**

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Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)  
Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)  
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

Apologies were received from Joyce Watson and Mick Antoniw. There were no substitutions

### **2 Inquiry into the organic production and labelling of organic products: Evidence session 1**

Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

### **3 Inquiry into the organic production and labelling of organic products: Evidence session 2**

Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

### **4 Inquiry into the organic production and labelling of organic products: Evidence session 3**

Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 9 and 10**

Committee Members agreed the motion.

### **6 Inquiry into recycling in Wales: Discussion of key issues**

Committee Members discussed the key issues.

### **7 Inquiry into energy efficiency and fuel poverty in Wales: Evidence from energy companies**

7.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Committee Members.

7.2 SSE agreed to provide further information on the number of home visits carried out in Wales and the percentage of customers that use prepayment meters.

7.3 British Gas agreed to provide details of its submission to the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

## **8 Papers to note**

### **Inquiry into recycling in Wales: Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources**

8.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Natural Resources.

### **The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2015: Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources**

8.2 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Natural Resources.

### **Petition P-04-575 – Call in All Opencast Mining Planning Applications: Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee**

8.3 The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee.

### **Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources regarding a European Commission Reasoned Opinion on Storage of Metallic Mercury Waste**

8.4 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Natural Resources.

## **9 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft conclusions**

The Committee considered the draft conclusions.

## **10 Update on European Issues: EU Key Legislative Dossiers**

The Committee agreed the approach set out in the paper.