

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 30 April 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.30 – 12.10**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)**  
**Russell George AM**  
**Llyr Gruffydd AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**William Powell AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM (In place of Antoinette Sandbach AM)**

### Witnesses:

**Stephen James, NFU Cymru**  
**Dylan Morgan, Deputy Director, National Farmers' Union Cymru**  
**Emyr Jones, President, Farmers' Union of Wales**  
**Nick Fenwick, Farmers' Union of Wales**  
**Dennis Matheson, Tenant Farmers Association Cymru**  
**Ceri Davies, Wales Young Farmers Clubs**  
**Carys Vaughan, Wales Young Farmers Club**  
**Keith Williams, Future Farmers of Wales**  
**Tim Bevan, Soil Association**  
**Arfon Williams, RSBP Cymru**  
**Tony Little, Organic Centre Wales**  
**Haydn Evans, NFU Cymru**  
**Keri Davies, Welsh Organic Group**

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Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)  
Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)  
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)  
SeatonN (Researcher)

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

1.1 Apologies were received Antoinette Sandbach, Mick Antoniw, Jeff Cuthbert and Joyce Watson. Mohammad Asghar attended as a substitute.

## **2 Agricultural policy – priorities for 2015–16: Evidence from stakeholders**

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

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## **5 Papers to note**

### **5.1 Inquiry into the European Commission's proposed prohibition of driftnet fisheries: Correspondence from the European Commission**

Members noted the correspondence.

### **5.2 Financial Scrutiny: Correspondence from the Minister for Natural Resources**

Members noted the correspondence.

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The Committee agreed the Motion.

## **7 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme**

7.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme.