

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 20 May 2015**

Meeting time: **09.30 – 11.10**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)
Mick Antoniw AM
Russell George AM
Rhun ap Iorwerth AM (In place of Llyr Gruffydd AM)
Julie Morgan AM
William Powell AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Joyce Watson AM
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM

Witnesses:

Rebecca Evans AM, The Deputy Minister for Farming and Food
Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government
Andrew Slade, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received Jeff Cuthbert and Llyr Gruffydd. Rhun Ap Iorwerth attended as a substitute.

2 Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: Agriculture scrutiny

The Deputy Minister and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee

The Deputy Minister agreed to provide further details on:

- the 'Working Smarter' recommendations that have not yet been completed; and
- progress in relation to the establishment of a feedback panel for young farmers.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Environment (Wales) Bill: Correspondence from Natural Resources Wales

Members noted the correspondence.

3.2 Inquiry into energy: Correspondence from the Commissioner for Sustainable Futures

Members noted the correspondence.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

Committee Members agreed the motion.

5 Energiewende inquiry: Discussion on appointment of expert adviser

The Committee agreed to appoint an expert adviser.