

Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 24 June 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.30**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)
Jeff Cuthbert AM
Russell George AM
Llyr Gruffydd AM
Janet Haworth AM
Julie Morgan AM
William Powell AM
Jenny Rathbone AM

Witnesses:

Rhodri Asby, Welsh Government
Andy Fraser, Welsh Government
Jasper Roberts, Welsh Government
Helena Bird, Welsh Government
Prys Davies, Energy, Water and Flood Division
Graham Rees, Welsh Government
John Guess, Welsh Government
Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales
Ceri Davies, Executive Director, Knowledge, Strategy and Planning, Natural Resources Wales
Steve Cook, Environment Agency Wales
Sarah Williams, Natural Resources Wales
Professor Robert Lee, Cardiff University
Haydn Davies, UK Environmental Law Association

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)
SeatonN (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

2 Environment (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence session 1

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

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister with some further questions and to follow up on actions agreed in the meeting.

3 Environment (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence session 2

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

4 Environment (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence session 3

4.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

5 Papers to note

5.1 Committee Members noted the papers.

5.2 Reply to the Chair from the Minister for Natural Resources regarding the appointments process for the Chair of Natural Resources Wales

5.3 Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding the Environment (Wales) Bill

5.4 Letter to the Chair from Gary Ashton, Director of BASC regarding the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS)