

# Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 15 October  
2015

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Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.15

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Edwina Hart AM, The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport David Jones, Marine Energy Pembrokeshire Rhodri Griffiths, Welsh Government Graham Hillier, Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd Philip Holmes, City and County of Swansea Council Ioan Jenkins, Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd Ian Masters, Swansea University Gareth Nutt, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council



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Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk)
	Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)
	Andrew Minnis (Researcher)

## Transcript

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw AM, Keith Davies AM, Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and Gwenda Thomas AM.

### 2 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales

2.1 Philip Holmes and Gareth Nutt answered questions from Members of the Committee.

### 3 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales

3.1 Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and Rhodri Griffiths answered questions from the Members of the Committee.

3.2 Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport offered to provide the following:

- A provisional note on potential funding opportunities for the marine energy sector including any engagement Welsh Government have had with the various sources of potential funds in this regard.
- An update by the end of the year on development of opportunities with Ireland, including Motorways of the Sea projects.
- A note on the ongoing work to map the seabed to investigate the potential for locating tidal devices around Wales and in the Irish Sea.

## **4 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales**

4.1 Dr Ian Masters answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **5 Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales**

5.1 Graham Hillier, Ioan Jenkins and David Jones answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **6 Papers to note**

### **6.1 Correction note from the Department for Transport in relation to the Committee meeting on 17 September**

6.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **6.2 Additional information provided by the Marine Institute Ireland following the Committee visit to Dublin on 1 October**

6.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **6.3 Additional information provided by the Minister for Finance and Government Business following the Committee meeting on 23 September**

6.3.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

### **6.4 Letter from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport regarding the Innovation Advisory Council for Wales**

6.4.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.