

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

Hafren Centre, Newtown

Meeting date: Friday, 16 February 2018

Meeting time: 11.35 – 13.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jayne Bryant AM Russell George AM John Griffiths AM Mike Hedges AM Dai Lloyd AM David J Rowlands AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales Tim Render, Welsh Government David Morris, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kath Thomas (Second Clerk) Katy Orford



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Bethan Jenkins, Lynne Neagle, Nick Ramsay and David Rees.

1.3 The Chair welcomed Mick Antoniw to the Committee and noted her thanks to Huw Irranca-Davies for his contribution to the work of the Committee during his time as a member.

2 Ministerial Scrutiny Session – The Food and Drink Industry in Wales

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the food and drink industry in Wales, particularly in respect of the impact of Brexit and the impact of possible future trade arrangements.

2.2 The First Minister agreed to provide further information to the Committee on:

- whether the Welsh Government could provide further support for companies to attend Welsh Government led, overseas Trade Missions, including whether the first visit could be free; and
- how to support the supply of Welsh products to large retailers.

2.3 The First Minister agreed to give further consideration to designating Food and Drink as a tourism theme for a future year.

3 Ministerial Scrutiny Session – Topical Matters

Members asked the First Minister questions on topical matters.

4 Papers to Note

The paper was noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

6 Discussion of Evidence from Preceding Session

The Committee discussed the evidence from the previous sessions and agreed to write to the First Minister to seek further information about a number of issues.