

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 10 October
2019

Meeting time: 09.20 – 11.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Llyr Gruffydd AM Neil Hamilton AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Tom Henderson, Welsh Government Richard Lewis, Welsh Government Jackie Price, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Andrew RT Davies AM.

2 Scrutiny session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs on the Wild Animals and Circuses Wales Bill

- 2.1 The Minister and Welsh Government officials responded to questions from Members on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.
- 2.2 The Minister agreed to make available her letter to the Chief Executive of the Kennel Club regarding the draft Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animal Exhibits) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

3 Papers to note

- 3.1 The Committee noted the papers.
- 3.1 **Update from the Minister for Economy and Transport to the Committee's Report on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019 – 2020**
- 3.2 **Correspondence from Chris Barltrop on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill**
- 3.3 **Correspondence from Circus Mondao on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill**
- 3.4 **Correspondence from PAWSI on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill**
- 3.5 **Correspondence from Rachael Smith on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill**

4 Discussion of evidence received and consideration of the key issues raised under item 2

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and considered key issues raised under item 2.
- 4.2 The Committee agreed on the key issues it wishes to raise in its Stage 1 report on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.

5 Consideration of the Committee's follow up report on the Welsh Government's progress on Marine Protected Area (MPA) management in Wales

5.1 The Committee agreed the report subject to a few minor amendments.