

Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 1 February 2012**

Meeting time: **09:50 – 11:35**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Rebecca Evans
Russell George
Vaughan Gething
Julie James
William Powell
David Rees
Antoinette Sandbach

Witnesses:

John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development
Matthew Quinn, Welsh Government
Dave Clarke, Welsh Government
Nigel Reader,, Consultant

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)
Nia Seaton (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Llyr Huws Gruffydd. There were no apologies.

2. Inquiry into the Business Case for the Single Environmental Body – Evidence from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

2.1 The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on the business case for a single environmental body.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to seek a response in writing to outstanding issues not raised at the evidence session.

3. Papers to note

3.1 The Committee agreed to include the issue of animal welfare standards in the puppy farming industry on its work programme for further consideration.

3.1 Inquiry into the Business Case for the Single Environmental Body – Written evidence from the Confederation of Forest Industries (Confor)

3.2 Inquiry into the Business Case for the Single Environmental Body – Written evidence from Maelor Nurseries Ltd

3.3 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – P-04-339 Enforcement of Animal Welfare Standards in the Puppy Farming Industry in South Wales West

4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5.

5. Inquiry into the Business Case for the Single Environmental Body – Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence it had received as part of the inquiry into the Business Case for the Single Environmental Body.

TRANSCRIPT

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