

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 15 March 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:30 – 13:10**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

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

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### Witnesses:

**Carwyn Jones, First Minister**  
**John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development**  
**Edwina Hart, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**  
**Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities**  
**Russell Bennett, Welsh Government**  
**Gareth Jones, Welsh Government**  
**Ron Loveland, Welsh Government**  
**Gwenllian Roberts, Welsh Government**  
**Rosemary Thomas, Welsh Government**

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### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**  
**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Graham Winter (Researcher)**

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## **1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

## **2. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from Welsh Ministers**

### **2a. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from the First Minister**

2.1 The First Minister and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales.

### **2b. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from the Minister for Local Government and Communities**

2.2 The Minister for Local Government and Communities and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales.

2.3 The Minister agreed to provide written information for the Committee on the capacity within local authorities to handle large scale planning applications.

### **2c. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**

2.4 The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales.

### **2d. Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Evidence from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development**

2.5 The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on energy policy and planning in Wales.

## **3. Papers to note**

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings held on 1 March.

### **TRANSCRIPT**

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