

# Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 9 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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### Private pre-meeting

(09.15–09.30)

### Public meeting

(09.30)

#### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

#### 2 Papers to note

(09.30)

##### 2.1 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

(Pages 1 – 6)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 21

March 2024



Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 22 April 2024

## **2.2 The Scottish National Investment Bank**

(Pages 7 – 11)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Scottish National Investment Bank – 17 April 2024

## **2.3 Cross-Border Trade: Regulations**

(Pages 12 – 18)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – 19 April 2024

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – 24 April 2024

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – Official Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 – 25 April 2024

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Transitory Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 ('the 2024 regulations') – 30 April 2024

## **2.4 Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade**

(Page 19)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language – 22 April 2024

## **2.5 Development Bank of Wales**

(Pages 20 – 21)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Samuel Kurtz MS to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language – 22 April 2024

## **2.6 Future of Welsh Steel**

(Pages 22 – 25)

Attached Documents:

Response letter from Carwyn Jones – 29 April 2024

Letter from the Minister for Industry and Economic Security at the Department for Business and Trade, UK Government – 29 April 2024

## **2.7 International Relations**

(Pages 26 – 27)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee to the First Minister of Wales – 30 April 2024

## **2.8 Apprenticeship Levy**

(Pages 28 – 31)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language – 30 April 2024

## **2.9 Scrutiny of the Draft Budget**

(Pages 32 – 33)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee – 1 May 2024

## **2.10 Development Bank of Wales inquiry**

(Pages 34 – 36)

Attached Documents:

Follow up letter from the Chair to the Development Bank of Wales – 2 May 2024

## **3 Sustainable Farming Scheme – Farming Unions**

(09.30–10.45)

(Pages 37 – 144)

Gareth Parry, Head of Policy, Farmers' Union of Wales

Aled Jones, President, National Farmers' Union Cymru

Dennis Matheson, Chair, Tenant Farmers Association

Dominic Hampson-Smith, Rural Affairs Vice Chairman, Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs (YFC)

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Farmers' Union of Wales

Evidence Paper – National Farmers' Union Cymru

Evidence Paper – Tenant Farmers Association

Evidence Paper – Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs (YFC)

## **Break**

(10.45–10.50)

## **4 Sustainable Farming Scheme – Environmental organisations**

(10.50–12.05)

(Pages 145 – 197)

Alex Phillips, WWF Cymru Policy and Advocacy Manager, Wales Environment Link

Andrew Tuddenham, Head of Policy, Wales, Soil Association Cymru, Wales Organic Forum

Rhys Evans, Wales Manager, Nature Friendly Farming Network

Rhys Owen, Head of Conservation, Woodland and Agriculture, Eryri National Park Authority, Tirweddau Cymru Landscapes Wales

Attached Documents:

Evidence Paper – Wales Environment Link

Evidence paper – Wales Organic Forum

Evidence paper – Tirweddau Cymru Landscapes Wales

## **Break**

(12.05–12.15)

## **5 Sustainable Farming Scheme – External views**

(12.15–13.15)

(Pages 198 – 227)

James Richardson, Interim Chief Executive, UK Climate Change Committee

Professor Janet Dwyer, Gloucestershire University

Attached Documents:

Evidence Paper – Professor Janet Dwyer

Research brief

## **Break**

(13.15–13.35)

## **6 Inquiry: Green Economy – Skills Providers**

(13.35–14.20)

(Pages 228 – 237)

James Powell, Marketing and Communications Director, Educ8

Jemma Parsons, Head of the Green Skills Academy

Matt Rees, Vice Principal – Work Based Learning and Commercial Activity,  
Bridgend College, representing ColegauCymru

Attached Documents:

Research brief

## **7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

(14.20)

## **Private**

(14.20–14.30)

## **8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting**

(14.20–14.30)