

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 27 September 2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.40

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Russell George AM (Chair) Hannah Blythyn AM Hefin David AM Vikki Howells AM Mark Isherwood AM Jeremy Miles AM Adam Price AM David J Rowlands AM
Witnesses:	Simon Brindle, Welsh Government Tracey Burke, Welsh Government Ben Cottam, Federation of Small Business Julie James AM, Minister for Skills and Science Simon Jones, Welsh Government Huw Morris, Welsh Government



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	Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure Terry Stevens, Stevens & Associates
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Andrew Minnis (Researcher) Ben Stokes (Researcher) Sian Hughes

## Transcript

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

There were no apologies or substitutions.

### 2 Minister for Skills and Science – General scrutiny

2.1 The Minister and her officials answered questions from the Committee members.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note on the take-up of ultrafast broadband since the revision of the scheme, including the total number of applications, and the success rate (both before and after the changes).

### 3 Trade sector panel – Selling Wales to the World

3.1 The witnesses answered questions from Committee members.

3.2 Ben Cottam declared that he was on the strategic board of Business Wales.

3.3 Professor Terry Stevens declared that his daughter is Mari Stevens who is Welsh Government's Director of Marketing – Tourism and Business.

### 4 Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure – General scrutiny

4.1 The Cabinet Secretary and his officials answered questions from Committee members.

4.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide:

- information on how many jobs have been a) created, b) safeguarded and c) assisted for each of the (separate) Enterprise Zones since their creation;
- figures on the level of public investment for each of the Enterprise Zones per year; and
- a copy of the 2014 August agreement between the Welsh Government and the Department for Transport.