

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 November
2021

Meeting time: 09.34 – 13.32

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Vikki Howells MS Samuel Kurtz MS Sarah Murphy MS
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government Tim Render, Welsh Government Peter Ryland, Welsh Government Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government George Dunn, Tenant Farmers Association Dylan Morgan, National Farmers' Union Cymru Gareth Parry, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)



	<p>Gwyn Howells, Hybu Cig Cymru</p> <p>Paula Boyden, Dogs Trust</p> <p>Christopher O'Brien, RSPCA</p> <p>Madison Rogers, Companion Animal Welfare Group Wales</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Robert Donovan (Clerk)</p> <p>Lara Date (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions

1.2 Paul Davies MS and Sam Kurz MS both declared a relevant interest with regard to post-Brexit border controls as they both have a port trading with the Republic of Ireland within their constituencies.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 Letter from Ben Cottam, Head of Wales, Federation Small Businesses

2.1.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.2 Letter from the Minister for Climate Change

2.2.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.3 Letter from Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

2.3.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.4 Letter from Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

2.4.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.5 Letter from the Minister for Economy

2.5.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

2.6 Letter from Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

2.6.1 The letter was noted by the Committee

3 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Minister for Economy

3.1 The Minister for Economy and Welsh Government officials answered questions from Committee Members

3.2 The Minister for Economy would update the Committee on the Business Development and Recovery Fund after his forthcoming meeting with the British Business Bank and the Development Bank of Wales. The Minister would update the Committee on the running costs of the border control posts when more information was available.

4 Priorities for the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee – Farming organisations

4.1 Farming organisation witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

5 Priorities for the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee – Animal Welfare

5.1 Luke Fletcher MS declared an interest as a member of Greyhound Rescue Wales, and a supporter of Hope Rescue

5.2 Animal Welfare witnesses answered questions from Committee Members

6 Consideration of Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill

6.1 Members considered the LCM for the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion

8 Private

8.1 It was agreed the Chair would write to the Minister for Economy, and witnesses from farming organisations and animal welfare organisations to seek answers to questions not reached in the meeting

9 Consideration of Draft Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill

9.1 Members agreed a report on the LCM for the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill to be laid by the reporting deadline of 18 November

10 Consideration of Forward Work Programme Autumn 2021 – Spring 2022

10.1 Members considered and agreed a forward work programme for Autumn 2021 – Spring 2022.