

# Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel  
and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 October  
2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.33

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

| Category               | Names  |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Paul Davies MS (Chair)<br>Hefin David MS<br>Luke Fletcher MS<br>Vikki Howells MS<br>Samuel Kurtz MS  |
| Witnesses:             | Simon Bowen, GB Nuclear<br>Professor Adrian Bull, University of Manchester<br>Tom Greatrex, Nuclear Industry Association<br>Helen Higgs, Nuclear Skills Strategy Group<br>Jane Lancaster, Prospect<br>Llinos Medi, Isle of Anglesey County Council<br>Professor Simon Middleburgh, Bangor University<br>Alan Raymant, Cwmni Eginio |



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|                  | Alwen Williams, Ambition North Wales  |
| Committee Staff: | Lara Date, Clerk<br>Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk<br>Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer<br>Lucy Morgan, Researcher<br>Nia Moss, Researcher |

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

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS. There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 2.1 **Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 4) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**
- 2.2 **Trade agreements: Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**
- 2.3 **Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023**
- 2.4 **Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill**
- 2.5 **Deposit return Scheme (DRS): Inclusion of glass**
- 2.6 **Offshore wind developments in the Celtic Sea**
- 2.7 **UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA)**
- 2.8 **The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2023**
- 2.9 **Correspondence with Ministers: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-25**
- 3 Nuclear energy and the Welsh economy: Nuclear industry and Unions**
  - 3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on nuclear energy and the Welsh economy.
- 4 Nuclear energy and the Welsh economy: Nuclear development companies**
  - 4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on nuclear energy and the Welsh economy.
  - 4.2 The panel agreed to provide the Committee with a further response regarding the impact of the apprenticeship levy on the ability to develop skills.
- 5 Nuclear energy and the Welsh economy: Local Authority view**
  - 5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on nuclear energy and the Welsh economy.

## **6 Nuclear energy and the Welsh economy: Academics**

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on nuclear energy and the Welsh economy.

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

7.1 The Motion to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting was agreed.

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

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.