

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.38

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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 Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Rhys Evans, Nature Friendly Farming Network Dominic Hampson-Smith, Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs Aled Jones, NFU Cymru Dennis Matheson, Tenant Farmers Association Cymru Gareth Parry, National Union of Teachers Alex Phillips, WWF Andrew Tuddenham, Soil Association Professor Janet Dwyer, Gloucestershire University



	<p>Rhys Owen, Landscapes Wales</p> <p>James Powell, Educ8</p> <p>James Richardson, UK Climate Change Committee</p> <p>Jemma Parsons, Green Skills Academy</p> <p>Matt Rees, ColegauCymru</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Rob Donovan, Clerk</p> <p>Lara Date, Second Clerk</p> <p>Evan Jones, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Gwen Davies, Committee Support Officer</p> <p>Ceri Thomas, Committee Support Officer</p> <p>Katy Orford, Researcher</p> <p>Gareth Thomas, Researcher</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

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

2.2 The Scottish National Investment Bank

2.3 Cross-Border Trade: Regulations

2.4 Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade

2.5 Development Bank of Wales

2.6 Future of Welsh Steel

2.7 International Relations

2.8 Apprenticeship Levy

2.9 Scrutiny of the Draft Budget

2.10 Development Bank of Wales inquiry

3 Sustainable Farming Scheme – Farming Unions

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

4 Sustainable Farming Scheme – Environmental organisations

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

5 Sustainable Farming Scheme – External views

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Sustainable Farming Scheme.

6 Inquiry: Green Economy – Skills Providers

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from the panel on the Green Economy.

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

7.1 The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government regarding Tata skills support, and to write to Celsa UK Steel on changes to steel.

8.3 Professor Janet Dwyer made reference to Gwyn Jones in her evidence session on the Sustainable Farming Scheme. The Committee agreed to write to Gwyn Jones to seek his views on the proposed SFS.