

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 November  
2024

Meeting time: 10.03 – 12.12

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Paul Davies MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS (In place of Jenny Rathbone MS) Hannah Blythyn MS Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS
Witnesses:	The Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, UK Government Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning Nancy-Jade Edwards, UK Government Rob Parsons, UK Government Kate Starkey, UK Government Emma Edworthy, Welsh Government Aine Gawthorpe, Welsh Government



	<p>Kate Hearnden, Welsh Government</p> <p>Sally Bridgeland, Development Bank of Wales</p> <p>Rhian Elston, Development Bank of Wales</p> <p>David Staziker, Development Bank of Wales</p> <p>Giles Thorley, Development Bank of Wales</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Robert Donovan (Clerk)</p> <p>Rachael Davies (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Ben Stokes (Researcher)</p> <p>Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)</p>

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jenny Rathbone MS. Mick Antoniw MS attended as a substitute.
- 1.3 Under SO 17.24A, Luke Fletcher MS declared an interest in relation to Item 3.

## **2 Papers to note**

- 2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

## **2.1 Tourism industry**

## **2.2 Sustainable Farming Scheme – feedback from stakeholders at the Royal Welsh Show**

## **2.3 Consultation on amendments to the Joint Fisheries Statement**

## **2.4 Regenerative farming advertising**

## **2.5 Inter-Parliamentary Engagement**

## **2.6 Petition P-06-1291 Hold an enquiry into the corporate takeover of the veterinary profession in Wales**

# **3 Future of Welsh Steel**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government, and Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Welsh Government.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Secretary of State and the Cabinet Secretary with questions that were not reached during the session.

# **4 Annual Scrutiny of the Development Bank of Wales**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Sally Bridgeland (Chair, Development Bank of Wales), Giles Thorley (Chief Executive, Development Bank of Wales), David Staziker (Chief Finance Officer, Development Bank of Wales), and Rhian Elston (Wales Investment Director, Development Bank of Wales).

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Development Bank of Wales seeking further detail on several matters raised during the session.

4.3 The Development Bank of Wales agreed to write to the Committee regarding pay and reward.

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

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

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

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received under Items 3 and 4.

## **7 Consultation on amendments to the Joint Fisheries Statement – consideration of draft response**

7.1 The Committee agreed the draft response.