

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

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 March  
2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.56

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Hefin David MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Dylan Morgan, National Farmers' Union (NFU) Cymru Gareth Parry, Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Sam Mason (Legal Adviser) Ben Stokes (Researcher)



	Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Katy Orford (Researcher) Madelaine Phillips (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher) Lucy Morgan (Researcher)
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## **1 AI and the Welsh Economy: Consideration of Key Issues and AI Update – Deepseek**

- 1.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the key issues paper.
- 1.2 The Committee noted the AI update on Deepseek.
- 1.3 The Committee also agreed to write to the Health and Social Care Committee, to draw attention to areas of the work which cross over into their committee remit, as well as follow-up with Welsh Government via written correspondence.

## **2 Forward work programme discussion**

- 2.1 The Committee discussed the Forward Work Programme for the latter half of the 2025 summer term and 2025 Autumn term, and agreed the areas of interest for the Committee to take forward.

## **3 Review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: Consideration of the consultation**

- 3.1 The Committee considered the letter from the Llywydd and discussed their views on the topic to feed into a response.

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

- 4.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the public session, noting that the public had been excluded from items 1, 2 and 3 of this meeting, as the Committee agreed under Standing Order 17.42(ix) at its previous meeting on the 6 March 2025.

4.2 Under SO 17.24A, Andrew RT Davies MS and Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest in relation to item 6.

## **5 Papers to note**

5.1 The Committee noted the papers.

**5.1 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill**

**5.2 Concordat between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Welsh Government**

**5.3 Follow-up to the Committee meeting held on 15 January 2025 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26**

**5.4 Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure**

**5.5 Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

**5.6 Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26**

## **6 Hybu Cig Cymru – Panel 1**

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from Dylan Morgan (National Farmers' Union Cymru (NFU)), and Gareth Parry (Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)).

## **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 discussed the evidence heard during item 6.

## **9 International Trade Monitoring report**

9.1 The Committee noted the report, and agreed to its publication as a snapshot update correct at this time.

## **10 Legislative Consent: Data (Use and Access) Bill – consideration of draft report**

10.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.