

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 5 – Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 17 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public session

09.30 – 12.50

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

09.30

2 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Rural Affairs

09.30 – 10.30

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government

Gian Marco Currado, Director – Rural Affairs, Welsh Government



Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper on Rural Affairs – Welsh Government

Break

10.30 – 10.35

3 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Trade and Borders

10.35 – 11.20

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning,
Welsh Government

Emily Hole, Head of Trade Policy, Welsh Government

Helen John, Deputy Director – Borders Controls Programme, Welsh
Government

Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper on International Trade & Border Controls – Welsh Government

Break

11.20 – 11.30

4 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Economy and Skills

11.30 – 12.50

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Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning,
Welsh Government

Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership, Welsh
Government

Jo Salway, Director – Social Partnership, Employability & Fair Work, Welsh
Government

Duncan Hamer, Director of Operations – Business & Regions, Welsh
Government

Liz Lalley, Director – Economic Strategy and Green Growth, Welsh
Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper on Economy – Welsh Government

Evidence paper on Skills – Welsh Government

5 Papers to note

12.50

5.1 AI and the Welsh Economy

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Attached Documents:

Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report 'AI and the Welsh
Economy: Can Welsh androids dream of electric sheep?' – 3 July 2025

5.2 The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Poultry Catching and Handling

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 4 July 2025

5.3 Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 7 July 2025

5.4 City and Growth Deals: Business Support Landscape – Follow-up to the committee meeting held on 4 June 2025

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Leaders of Ceredigion and Powys County Councils as Joint Chairs of the Growing Mid Wales Board – 7 July 2025

5.5 Consultation: Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Chairs' Forum to Committee Chairs – 8 July 2025

5.6 Culture and Creative Industries Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG)

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee – 9 July 2025

5.7 Follow-up to 15 May Committee meeting – Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs – 9 July 2025

5.8 Holyhead Port storm damage and closure: Initial findings report

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales – 10 July 2025

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

12.50

Private session

12.50 – 14.05

7 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

12.50 – 13.05

8 Trade monitoring report discussion

13.05 – 13.15

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Attached Documents:

Trade monitoring report

9 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Consideration of draft report

13.15 – 13.25

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Attached Documents:

Draft report

10 Soil Health in Agriculture: Key issues discussion

13.25 – 13.45

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Attached Documents:

Key issues paper

11 Legislative Consent: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill (2024 – 2025): Consideration of draft report

13:45–13:50

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Attached Documents:

Draft report

12 Forward Work Programme discussion

13:50–14:05