

# Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 – Senedd  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 1 October 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Hybrid

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### Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

### Public session

09.30 – 11.00

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

09.30

## 2 General Ministerial Scrutiny – Rural Affairs

09.30 – 11.00

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

Gian Marco Currado, Director – Rural Affairs, Welsh Government

Dr Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Evidence paper – Welsh Government



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### **3 Papers to note**

11.00

#### **3.1 Follow-up from the committee meeting held on 17 July 2025 – General Ministerial Scrutiny**

(Pages 29 – 35)

Attached Documents:

Response letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, and Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership – 18 September 2025

#### **3.2 The Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill**

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee – 24 September 2025

#### **3.3 Follow-up from the Committee visit to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence – 18 September 2025**

(Pages 37 – 38)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Chief Executive, and Chair, of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence – 25 September 2025

#### **3.4 Apprenticeship pathways inquiry**

(Pages 39 – 54)

Attached Documents:

Welsh Government response to Committee report – 25 September 2025

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

11.00

**Private session**

11.00 – 11.35

**5 General Ministerial Scrutiny: Consideration of evidence**

11.00 – 11.15

**6 EU–MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement**

11.15 – 11.25

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Attached Documents:

EU–MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement briefing

**7 Future of Welsh Steel: Citizen Engagement Approach Discussion**

11.25 – 11.35

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Attached Documents:

Citizen Engagement Approach Paper