

Concise Minutes – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 2 – Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 October
2025

Meeting time: 09.50 – 11.05

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Andrew RT Davies MS (Chair) Hannah Blythyn MS Alun Davies MS Luke Fletcher MS Samuel Kurtz MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Robert Donovan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor–Mott (Deputy Clerk) Elfyn Henderson (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Thomas Morris (Researcher)



	Madelaine Phillips (Researcher) Ben Stokes (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 All Members were present for the start of the meeting however Luke Fletcher MS indicated he would need to leave during item 3.
- 1.3 Under SO 17.24A, Andrew RT Davies MS and Samuel Kurtz MS declared an interest in respect to the discussions to be held in this meeting.

2 Soil Health in Agriculture: Consideration of Draft Report

- 2.1 The Committee considered and reviewed the draft report, and discussed changes to be made prior to its publication.

3 Food Processing: Key Issues Discussion

- 3.1 The Committee considered the key issues of the inquiry, and discussed matters to be included in the final report.

4 Forward Work Programme Discussion

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme paper, and agreed it's programme of work for the remainder of this Senedd year prior to dissolution.

5 International Trade Monitoring Report Discussion

- 5.1 The Committee considered the monitoring report, and agreed to further recommended actions as a result.

6 Letter from Global Centre of Rail Excellence

6.1 The Committee discussed and considered the letter from the Global Centre of Rail Excellence, following their visit to the site in the previous month.