

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Medrus Conference Centre, Aberystwyth University**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 20 February 2014**

Meeting time: **10.00 – 13.00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Russell George
Llyr Gruffydd
Julie James
Julie Morgan
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Professor Iain Donnison, Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences
Gary Douch, Farming Connect
Professor Janet Dwyer, Countryside and Community Research Institute
Professor Jamie Newbold, Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences
Dr Shaun Russell, Wales Environment Research Hub
Chris Short, Countryside and Community Research Institute
Eirwen Williams, Menter a Busnes

Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from William Powell and Antoinette Sandbach. There were no substitutions.

2 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

3 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from Farming Connect

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4 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from Wales Environment Research Hub

4.1 Dr Russell responded to questions from members of the Committee.

4.2 Dr Russell agreed to provide details of overseas development schemes.

5 Sustainable Land Management – Evidence from the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), University of Gloucestershire

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

5.2 Professor Dwyer agreed to provide information on the role of the Welsh Government in relation to data collection.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

Inquiry into the Welsh Government's proposals for the M4 around Newport : Letter from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

6.2 The Committee noted the letter.