

Concise Minutes – Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 16 September 2015

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.30

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Russell George AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Janet Haworth AM Julie Morgan AM William Powell AM Jenny Rathbone AM Joyce Watson AM |
| Witnesses: | Carl Sargeant AM, The Minister for Natural Resources Nicola Charles, Welsh Government Andy Fraser, Welsh Government Lori Frater, Welsh Government |



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| Committee Staff: | Alun Davidson (Clerk) Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk) Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser) SeatonN (Researcher) |
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies.

2 Environment (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence Session 21

2.1 The Minister and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 The Minister agreed to:

- Provide Committee with the percentage of Welsh land which would be affected by the Secretary of State for Wales' refusal to grant the necessary Crown consents to enact Part 6 of the Bill;
- Provide detail on how the pilot schemes in relation to 'area statements' have performed, once the information becomes available;
- Confirm whether or not the report conducted by Eunomia, used to inform the Bill's regulatory impact assessment, only looked at traditional macerators and not at enzyme biodigesters or food water recovery systems.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 3.1 Environment (Wales) Bill: Wales Environment Link – Additional Information
- 3.2 Environment (Wales) Bill: Wales Environment Link – Biodiversity Targets
- 3.3 Environment (Wales) Bill: Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales – Additional Information
- 3.4 Environment (Wales) Bill: Marine Conservation Society – Additional Information
- 3.5 Environment (Wales) Bill: Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources to Chair of the Finance Committee
- 3.6 Environment (Wales) Bill: Wheelabrator Technologies – Additional Information
- 3.7 Environment (Wales) Bill: WWF–UK – Additional Information
- 3.8 Environment (Wales) Bill: Tyndall Centre – Additional Information
- 3.9 Environment (Wales) Bill: Wales Environment Link – Additional Information, Part 5

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the meetings on 24 and 30 September

4.1 Committee Members agreed the motion.

5 Environment (Wales) Bill: Discussion of Key Issues

5.1 Committee Members discussed the key issues in relation to the Environment (Wales) Bill.