

Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Meeting time: 09.15 – 11.53

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Keith Davies AM Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Grahame Guilford, EU Funding Ambassador Hywel Ceri Jones, EU Funding Ambassador Ross Murray, Country Landowners Association
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk) Ben Stokes (Researcher)



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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Eluned Parrott AM and Gwenda Thomas AM. William Powell AM substituted on behalf of Eluned Parrott AM for items one and two.

1.2 Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and William Graham AM declared that they are both members of the Country Land and Business Association.

2 Discussion of issues affecting the rural economy

2.1 Ross Murray answered questions from Members of the Committee.

2.2 Ross Murray offered to provide the following:

- details of representations made by the CLA to the Welsh Government regarding the tackling poverty agenda.
- a copy of the evidence provided by the CLA to Westminster's Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee for Ross Murray's evidence session in April, in relation to how land use plays a part in creating or preventing flooding, including details of the Pontbren Project.

3 Scrutiny of the EU Funding Ambassadors

3.1 Hywel Ceri Jones and Grahame Guilford answered questions from Members of the Committee.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Assisting Young People into Work

4.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

4.2 Devolution of Business Rates to Wales

4.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

4.3 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill

4.3.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

4.4 Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

4.4.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

4.5 Higher Education Funding

4.5.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

5.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

6 Discussion on the draft report on the Priorities for the future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft report on the Priorities for the future of Welsh Rail Infrastructure.