

Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 March 2016

Meeting time: 09.15 – 15.10

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM David Rees AM Gwenda Thomas AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Robert Baker, Liberty House Jeff Beck, GMB Dr David Blaney, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Tony Brady, Unite the Union Chris Hagg, Celsa Steel Edwina Hart AM, The Minister for Economy, Science and



	<p>Transport</p> <p>Celia Hunt, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales</p> <p>Ron Loveland, Welsh Government</p> <p>Carl Lucas, Unite the Union</p> <p>Steve McCool, Community</p> <p>Tim Morris, Tata Steel Europe</p> <p>Bethan Owen, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales</p> <p>Sanjay Tohani, Liberty House UK</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Rachel Jones (Clerk)</p> <p>Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Ben Stokes (Researcher)</p> <p>Anne Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Gareth Pembridge (Legal Adviser)</p>

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Keith Davies AM, Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM and Gwenda Thomas AM. David Rees AM substituted for Keith Davies AM.

1.2 Joyce Watson AM, Jeff Cuthbert AM and David Rees AM declared they were members of Unite the Union.

1.3 Mick Antoniw AM declared he was a member of GMB.

1.4 Eluned Parrott AM declared her husband works for a Higher Education Institution.

2 Industry representatives – Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

2.1 Witnesses answered questions from Committee Members.

2.2 Tim Morris agreed to provide:

- figures on the amount of UK steel exports that go to the European Union as opposed to the world market.
- information on the removal of plant and machinery from business rates and how quickly this could be implemented once a decision has been made.

3 Union representatives – Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

3.1 Witnesses answered questions from Committee Members.

4 Paper to note

4.1 Evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales – Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

4.1.1 The Committee noted the paper.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from agenda items 6, 7 and 8

5.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from agenda items 6, 7 and 8.

6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill: Regulators' Code and Primary Authority

6.1 The Committee noted and agreed the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill: Regulators' Code and Primary Authority.

7 Consideration of the Draft Report on Committee Legacy

7.1 The Committee discussed the Draft Report on Committee Legacy.

8 Consideration of the Draft report on Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales

8.1 The Committee discussed the Draft report on Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales.

9 Higher Education Funding

9.1 Witnesses answered questions from Committee Members.

10 Minister for Economy, Science and Transport – Pressures facing the steel industry in Wales

10.1 The Minister and her official answered questions from Committee Members.