

Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 6 December
2018

Meeting time: 09.03 – 10.39

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Jayne Bryant AM Andrew RT Davies AM John Griffiths AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Helen Mary Jones AM Joyce Watson AM
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Tim Render, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 3, 6 and 7 of today's meeting and for the meeting on 12 December 2018 to consider the draft report on the UK Agriculture Bill

2.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting for items 3,6 and 7 of today's meeting and for the meeting on 12 December 2018 to consider the draft report on the UK Agriculture Bill.

3 Briefing on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Agriculture Bill

1.1 The Committee received an oral briefing on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Agriculture Bill from the Legal and Research Service.

4 Consideration of the UK's Agriculture Bill: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs.

5.2 The Chair invited the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs to share any additional views with the Committee to inform its report on the UK Agriculture Bill.

5.3 The Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs agreed to share the correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP regarding the World Trade Organization (WTO) arrangements with the Committee as soon as it is received.

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 The Committee noted the papers under item 5.

- 5.1 Correspondence from the Chair to the Llywydd regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Agriculture Bill**
- 5.2 Correspondence from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs regarding the Public Goods scheme**
- 5.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs to the Chair following the evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary at the Committee meeting on 8 November 2018**
- 5.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs to the Chair regarding the Climate Change (Wales) Regulations 2018**

6 Forward work programme

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the scoping paper on biodiversity restoration and agreed to undertake an inquiry in the spring term.

7 Consideration of oral evidence

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received under item 4.