

Elin Jones MS

Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

31 December 2020

Proposal for urgent CCERA meeting

Dear Llywydd,

I am writing to you in accordance with Standing Order 17.46 as I wish to call a meeting of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in a week that is not a sitting week. I have consulted Committee members and we have agreed, in principle, to hold a meeting in the afternoon of Thursday, 7 January.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider an ongoing dispute between British Gas and the GMB Union in relation to staffing matters. Following a ballot, the GMB Union has announced that its members will be taking industrial action for 5 days during January 2021, beginning on Thursday, 7 January.

The Committee is concerned that as British Gas is responsible for administering the flagship Welsh Government home efficiency improvement programme, NEST, the industrial action and ongoing dispute may affect the delivery of the programme. The Committee will invite representatives of British Gas and the GMB Union to attend the meeting to discuss these matters.

I would be grateful if you could indicate as soon as is practicable whether you have any concerns about the proposed arrangements set out in this letter.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges MS

Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Our ref: EJ/MH

04 January 2021

Dear Mike,

Thank you for confirming that you have fully considered the resource implications for recalling the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on this matter during recess. Standing Order 17.46 states "A committee chair may, after consulting the Presiding Officer, call a meeting of the committee in a week which is not a sitting week." This sets out that recalling a Committee is a matter for the Committee.

I am copying this letter to Business Managers and Commissioners to make them aware that a Senedd Committee has decided to meet during recess.

Yours sincerely,



Elin Jones MS
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