

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 23 May 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:40 – 11:50**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw**  
**Russell George**  
**Vaughan Gething**  
**Llyr Huws Gruffydd**  
**Julie James**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**William Powell**  
**Antoinette Sandbach**

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### Witnesses:

**Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Natalie Hall, Natural Resources Wales**  
**Jennifer Ramsay, Community Energy Scotland**

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### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**  
**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Chloe Chadderton (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson. There were no substitutions.

## **2 Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – evidence from Community Energy Scotland**

2.1 Jennifer Ramsay responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Action

- Jennifer Ramsay agreed to provide the Committee with details of how much of the 500MW target for community renewable energy had been installed to date.

## **3 Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales : Report follow-up – evidence from Natural Resources Wales**

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Actions

The witnesses agreed to provide:

- The scientific analysis behind any conclusions drawn as a consequence of the *Flow and Abstraction Standards for Hydropower* consultation;
- The outcome of the Environmental Risk Assessment for shale gas carried out by the former Environment Agency Wales; and
- A breakdown by sector of the calls that have been received by the newly instituted customer service centre.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The Committee noted the minutes.

### **Inquiry into invasive alien species – Paper from Wales Environment Link**

4.2 The Committee noted the paper.