

Agenda – Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Hybrid – Committee room 3 – Senedd and video Conference via Zoom	Lara Date Committee Clerk
Meeting date: 30 November 2023	0300 200 6565
Meeting time: 09.30	SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales

Private pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

Public meeting (09.30–13.50)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Papers to note

(09.30)

2.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 and Cost of Living

(Pages 1 – 19)

Attached Documents:

Letter from Disability Wales – 19 October 2023

2.2 The Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

(Pages 20 – 21)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 24
October 2023



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2.3 Responses to the Committee's report: Post-EU regional development funding
(Pages 22 – 43)

Attached Documents:

UK Government's response – 24 October 2023

Welsh Government's response – 27 October 2023

2.4 Cost of living pressures and the Young Person's Guarantee
(Pages 44 – 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Economy – 23 November 2023

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Economy – 26 October 2023

Letter from Jones Bros. Ruthin (Civil Engineering) Co. Ltd – 27 September 2023

2.5 Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization – Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
(Pages 71 – 73)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 26 October 2023

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 21 November 2023

2.6 Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee report: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

(Pages 74 – 78)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to Committee Chairs – 2 November 2023

Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change – 2 November 2023

2.7 The Habitat Wales Scheme (HWS)

(Pages 79 – 83)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 10 November 2023

Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 10 November 2023 – Annex A

2.8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

(Pages 84 – 86)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to Committee Chairs – 14 November 2023

2.9 Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Trade

(Pages 87 – 88)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Economy – 16 November 2023

Updated letter from the Minister for Economy – 16 November 2023

2.10 The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2023

(Pages 89 – 91)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 17 November 2023

Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd – 18 October 2023

2.11 The Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Economy – 23 November 2023

3 Inquiry: Research and Development: Funding bodies

(09.30–10.15)

(Pages 93 – 119)

Harriet Barnes, Director of Policy and Funding, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)

Dean Cook, Director, Place and Levelling Up, Innovate UK

Dan Shah, Director of Investment Strategy and System Insight, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

Research brief

Break (10.15–10.20)

4 Inquiry: Research and Development: Higher Education

(10.20–11.05)

(Pages 120 – 136)

Amanda Wilkinson, Director, Universities Wales

Professor Roger Whitaker, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise at
Cardiff University, Universities Wales

Lewis Dean, Head of the Wales Innovation Network

Attached Documents:

Evidence paper – Universities Wales

Additional evidence paper – Institute of Biological, Environmental & Rural
Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University

Break (11.05–11.10)

5 Inquiry: Research and Development: Business

(11.10–12.00)

Professor Justin Lewis, Director, Media Cymru

Andy Silcox, Research Director, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre
Cymru

Professor Pete Burnap, Director of the Wales Cyber Innovation Hub (CIH)

Break (12.00–13.05)

6 The Future of Welsh Steel: Trade Unions

(13.05–13.50)

(Pages 137 – 152)

Charlotte Brumpton–Childs, National Officer, Manufacturing, GMB Union

Alasdair McDiarmid, Assistant General Secretary, Community Union

Peter Hughes, Wales Secretary, Unite the Union

Attached Documents:

Research brief

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting and for items 1, 2 and 3 of the meeting on 13 December 2023

(13.50)

Private (13.50–14.00)

8 Consideration of evidence following the meeting

(13.50–14.00)