

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 1 October 2014**

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Meeting time: **08.50 – 12.30**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Alun Ffred Jones AM (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw AM**  
**Jeff Cuthbert AM**  
**Russell George AM**  
**Llyr Gruffydd AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**William Powell AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Antoinette Sandbach AM**  
**Joyce Watson AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Carl Sargeant AM, The Minister for Natural Resources**  
**Jasper Roberts, Welsh Government**  
**Russell Owens, Welsh Government**  
**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office**  
**Michael Palmer, Wales Audit Office**  
**Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office**  
**Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office**  
**Anne Meikle, WWF Cymru**  
**Haf Elgar, Friends of the Earth**  
**James Byrne, Wildlife Trusts Wales**  
**Abbie Self, Office for National Statistics**

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Committee Staff:

Alun Davidson (Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)  
Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)  
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)  
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)  
Andrew Minnis (Researcher)

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies.

### 2 Inquiry into recycling in Wales: Evidence from the Minister for Natural Resources

2.1 The Minister agreed to seek to provide the Committee with further detail on the cost to local authorities of recycling

### 3 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence Session 6

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee

3.2 The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide further information on

- The views of his leading counsel with regards to his current statutory obligation in relation to the Bill in its current form; and
- An example of a similar provision in existing legislation in relation to placing a specific duty for review on the Auditor General for Wales.

### 4 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence Session 7

4.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee

### 5 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill – Stage 1: Evidence Session 8

5.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee