

# Environment and Sustainability Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 18 October 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:30 – 14:00**

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## Concise Minutes:

Budget scrutiny

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### Assembly Members:

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Chair)**

**Mick Antoniw**

**Mark Drakeford**

**Russell George**

**Vaughan Gething**

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd**

**William Powell**

**David Rees**

**Antoinette Sandbach**

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### Witnesses:

**Alun Davies, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food,  
Fisheries and European Programmes**

**John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable  
Development**

**Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer**

**Rob Hunter, Welsh Government**

**Matthew Quinn, Welsh Government**

**Andrew Slade, Welsh Government**

**Gill Bell, Marine Conservation Society**

**Dan Crook, WWF Cymru**

**Gareth Cunningham, RSPB Cymru**

**Beth Henshall, Wildlife Trusts**

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### Committee Staff:

**Alun Davidson (Clerk)**

**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**

**Nia Seaton (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Keith Davies and Julie James for the whole meeting and from William Powell and David Rees for the afternoon session. Ken Skates attended as a substitute for Keith Davies and Mark Drakeford for David Rees.

## **2. Welsh Government Draft Budget 2013–2014 – Scrutiny of the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes**

2.1 The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide a breakdown of the enforcement Action in relation to the proportion of the budget spend on prosecution.

## **3. Welsh Government Draft Budget 2013–2014 – Scrutiny of the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development**

3.1 The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide the ‘green book’ figure for legacy issues related to IT systems of the new single environment body.

## **4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5**

4.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the meeting for item 5.

## **5. Welsh Government Draft Budget 2013–2014 – Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had received and the issues it wished to raise in its report to the Finance Committee.

5.2 The Committee adjourned between 12.00 and 13.00.

## **6. Inquiry into Marine policy in Wales – Oral evidence from Wales Environment Link**

6.1 The Committee agreed that it would undertake a short inquiry into the implications for Wales of the consultation by the UK Government on the future of the Agricultural Wages Board.

6.2 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee on marine policy in Wales.

6.3 Dan Crook agreed to share with the Committee the report of the study commissioned by WWF on the co-location of marine conservation zones with renewable energy developments.

## **7. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from the meeting on 24 October**

7.1 The Committee agreed the Motion to exclude the public from the meeting on 24 October.

## TRANSCRIPT

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