



Formal Minutes of the Welsh Affairs Committee in Session 2024-26

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They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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Wednesday 30 October 2024

Members present¹

Ruth Jones, in the Chair²

David Chadwick

Ann Davies

Claire Hughes

Llinos Medi

Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell

Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee methods of working

Ordered, That the Committee examine witnesses in public unless it otherwise orders.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorized to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the following matters be delegated to the Chair:

Reporting correspondence or written evidence to the House between meetings of the committee in order to enable its publication.

¹ The list of members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

² Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [9 September 2024].

Engaging in correspondence on committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the committee or is of a routine nature.

Arranging informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the committee's remit (for example, with visiting parliamentarians).

Amending the timing of committee meetings, where necessary.

Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports.

Deciding to which parliamentary proceedings committee reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall) and proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall.

Agreeing the circulated agenda for committee meetings (subject to the right of any committee member to raise issues for the committee to consider).

Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the committee or which are urgent.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State on her responsibilities.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on HMP Parc.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the impact of the budget on Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on energy in Wales.

4. HMP Parc

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit HMP Parc, Bridgend, Wales, in connection with its upcoming session on HMP Parc.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Ben Lake declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

Henry Tufnell amended his declaration of interests of 30 October 2024 (see Appendix).

2. Committee methods of working

Ordered, That Ben Lake take the Chair at meetings of the Committee, whenever the Chair of the Committee is absent.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the First Minister of Wales on her responsibilities.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Promoting Wales for inward investment.

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Main Estimate Memorandum

Wales Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2024-25

The impact of the budget on Wales

Correspondence from NFU Cymru, dated 6 November

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 19 November – Wednesday 20 November 2024

The Chair, Ann Davies, Llinos Medi and Andrew Ranger visited HMP Parc, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 October.

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on flooding in Wales.

2. HMP Parc

Resolved, That members of the Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 11 December relating to HMP Parc, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The impact of the budget on Wales

NFU Cymru [BOW0001]

Farmers' Union of Wales [BOW0002]

Appointment of S4C Chair and Board members

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 18 November

4. The impact of the budget on Wales

The Chair declared her interests as a member of the Bevan Foundation, and as her husband is a planner on HS2.

Henry Tufnell declared his non-pecuniary interests as his parents and brother own and run an 895-hectare mainly arable farm in Gloucestershire, and his parents also own 10 hectares in Pembrokeshire, which they let out to a local farmer.

Ann Davies declared her interests as she farms in the Tywi valley as a tenant farmer but also owns some land there, and as she runs a business that is affected by the changes in the budget.

Llinos Medi declared her non-pecuniary interests as her mother owns land in Ynys Môn that she rents out and farms herself.

Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University, David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Dr Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Energy in Wales

Ann Davies declared her interest as Co-Chair of Llanarthne Area Pylon Group.

Jessica Hooper, Director, RenewableUK Cymru, Jay Sheppard, Project Manager, Marine Energy Wales, Joe Rossiter, Co-Director, Institute of Welsh Affairs, and Benedict Ferguson, Co-Executive Director, Community Energy Wales, gave oral evidence.

Eleri Davies, Head of Onshore Development: Wales & England, RWE Renewables, Ffion Davies, Welsh External Affairs Manager, EDF Renewables UK & Ireland, and Emily Hinshelwood, Co-Founder and Creative Director, Awel Aman Tawe, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December at 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Claire Hughes
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

Mr Alex Barros-Curtis also attended for item 4 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Welsh Affairs Committee's resolution of 27 November).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The impact of the budget on Wales

Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Tenovus Cancer Care, dated 5 December

HMP Parc

Correspondence from the General Secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, dated 26 November

2. Evidence reported, not for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House, not for publication:

HMP Parc

Correspondence from the Chief Constable for South Wales Police, and accompanying report, dated 4 December

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past.

4. HMP Parc

Will Styles, Director, HMP Parc, Ian Barrow, Executive Director, HMPPS Wales, Sian Hibbs, Contract Manager, HMP Parc, and Gordon Brockington, Managing Director, G4S Care and Rehabilitation Services, gave oral evidence.

The Lord Timpson OBE DL, Minister of State for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending, Ministry of Justice, and Ian Barrow, Executive Director, HMPPS Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 18 December 2024

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Aphra Brandreth
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Aphra Brandreth declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Flooding in Wales

Correspondence with the Association of British Insurers, dated 4 December and 11 December

Correspondence with the Welsh Local Government Association, dated 5 December and 11 December

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Correspondence from the Mining Remediation Authority, dated 2 December

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on cross-border healthcare.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on rail infrastructure in Wales.

4. Flooding in Wales

Jeremy Parr, Head of Flood and Incident Risk Management, Natural Resources Wales, Simon Brown, Service Director, Met Office, and Russell Turner, Head of Centre, National Flood Forecasting Centre, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8 January 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Aphra Brandreth
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Gill German declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Cross-border healthcare

Resolved, That members of the Welsh Parliament/Senedd Cymru Health and Social Care Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 22 January relating to cross-border healthcare, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(3) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8 January 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The impact of the budget on Wales

Correspondence with the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, dated 6 January

Flooding in Wales

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, dated 18 December

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Simon Hoare declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The impact of the budget on Wales

Correspondence with the Bevan Foundation, dated 4 December and 7 January

Flooding in Wales

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, dated 8 January

Pharmacy drug tariff

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Care, dated 3 December and 17 December

The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

Correspondence between the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales and the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Wales, dated 13 January and 14 January

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the impact of the closure of Holyhead port.

4. The impact of the closure of Holyhead port

Resolved, That members of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 5 February relating to the closure of the Port of Holyhead, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

5. The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Chair declared her interest that her husband is an employee of Arcadis, a civil engineering structural firm that works for HS2.

Ann Davies declared her interests as a dairy farmer with 250 acres in west Wales, and as Co-Chair of Llanarthne Area Pylon Group.

Andrew Ranger declared his interest as Chair of the newly formed Growth Track 360 group.

Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Dame Nia Griffith MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

Russell George, a Member of the Welsh Parliament/Senedd Cymru, also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Welsh Affairs Committee's resolution of 8 January).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Cross-border healthcare

Correspondence from the Royal College of Nursing, dated 13 January
Correspondence from the Royal College of General Practitioners, dated 13 January
Correspondence from the Welsh NHS Confederation, dated 13 January
Correspondence from Llais Cymru, dated 13 January
Correspondence from the British Medical Association, dated 14 January

HMP Parc

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending, dated 16 December and 7 January
Correspondence with HMP Parc, dated 16 December, 6 January and 16 January

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington DC, New York and Philadelphia in connection with its inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Cross-border healthcare

Rachel Power, Chief Executive, Patients Association, Dr David Bailey, former Chair of Welsh council, British Medical Association, and Dr Stephen Kelly, Chair of Welsh consultants committee, British Medical Association, gave oral evidence.

Carol Shillabeer, Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Stacey Taylor, Interim Chief Commissioner, NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee, and Simon Whitehouse, Chief Executive, NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

Claire Hanna also attended for item 4 under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Welsh Affairs Committee's resolution of 15 January).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, dated 30 January

The impact of the budget on Wales

Correspondence from the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, dated 29 January

Spending Review 2025

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Wales, dated 6 February

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of S4C.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment, and Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee visit north Wales in connection with its inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales.

4. The impact of the closure of Holyhead port

Councillor Gary Pritchard, Leader, Ynys Môn Council, Howard Browes, Chair, Cybi Business Forum, Dr Ed Jones, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University, and Ian Davies, Head of UK Port Authorities, Stena Line, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Crown Estate.

Motion made and Question put, That the Committee request a private briefing from the Crown Estate ahead of the evidence session.—(*The Chair.*)

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 5

Gill German
Claire Hughes
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

Noes, 2

David Chadwick
Llinos Medi

Question accordingly agreed to.

2. The work of the First Minister of Wales

Ann Davies declared her interest as a tenant dairy farmer.

Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS, First Minister of Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

David Chadwick was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 3 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum

Wales Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2024-25

Spending Review

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales, dated 25 February

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities.

3. Pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of S4C

Resolved, That members of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 26 March relating to the pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of S4C, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

4. Rail Infrastructure in Wales

The Chair declared her interest as her husband works for Arcadis, a company that works for HS2.

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE, Minister for Rail at Department for Transport, Nick Millington, Route Director Wales at Network Rail, and Farha Sheikh, Interim Director for Rail Infrastructure North and West at Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

David Chadwick was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 3 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Promoting Wales for inward investment

Professor Steve Fothergill and Meirion Thomas, Industrial Communities Alliance [WII0003]
Professor Riccardo Crescenzi [WII0004]
Dr Chibuzo Amadi [WII0005]
Space Forge [WII0006]
Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru/Welsh Independent Producers [WII0007]
ColegauCymru/CollegesWales [WII0009]
Federation of Small Businesses Wales [WII0010]
Mineral Products Association Wales [WII0011]
Centre for the Creative Economy [WII0012]
Western Gateway [WII0013]
Health and Wellbeing 360 Ltd [WII0014]
Welsh Government [WII0016]
Walter May, GlobalWelsh [WII0017]

Mims Davies MP [WII0018]

Wales Office and Department for Business and Trade [WII0019]

Institute of Directors [WII0020]

Aberystwyth Business School [WII0021]

UKHospitality Cymru [WII0022]

Green Man [WII0023]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 March at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

David Chadwick was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 3 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Professor Luci Attala, Nigel Robins, Professor Louise Steel and Gareth Thomas
[WIP0001]

Coalfields Regeneration Trust [WIP0002]

Wales Centre for Public Policy [WIP0004]

Friends of the Earth Cymru [WIP0005]

Coal Action Network [WIP0006]

Tata Steel UK [WIP0007]

Dr Chris Whitman, Emma Halford, Dr Melina GuirnalDOS Diaz, Antonio Capelao, Dr Dimitra Ntzani and Dr Lui (Radium) Tam [WIP0008]

Net Zero Industry Wales [WIP0009]

Industrial Communities Alliance [WIP0010]

Professor Dean Stroud [WIP0011]

Professor Melanie Jones [WIP0012]

The Cyfarthfa Foundation [WIP0013]

Wales TUC [WIP0014]

Welsh Land Contamination Working Group [WIP0015]

Wales Office [WIP0016]

Cardiff University Understanding Risk Research Group [WIP0017]

ERI Reclamation [WIP0018]

British Geological Survey [WIP0019]

Reverend Paul Cawthorne [WIP0020]

Professor Vera Trappmann, Dr Ian Greenwood, Dr Clare Richardson-Barlow and Dr Jo Cutter [WIP0021]

Welsh Government [WIP0022]

Mining Remediation Authority [WIP0023]

HMP Parc

Correspondence from HMP Parc, dated 6 February

Correspondence with the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Re-offending, dated 10 February and 20 February

Rail infrastructure in Wales

Correspondence from Network Rail, dated 13 March

Universities in Wales

Correspondence from Universities Wales, dated 7 March

2. Evidence reported, not for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House, not for publication:

HMP Parc

Correspondence from HM Prison and Probation Service in Wales, dated 27 February

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on universities in Wales.

4. Promoting Wales for inward investment

Claire Hughes declared her non-pecuniary interest that she is a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Business and Trade.

James Gardiner, Senior Economist, EY, Professor Riccardo Crescenzi, Professor of Economic Geography, LSE, Nan Williams, Chair, GlobalWelsh, and Ken Poole MBE, Head of Economic Development, Cardiff Council and Invest in Cardiff, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 March at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

David Chadwick was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 3 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Cross-border healthcare

Correspondence with the British Medical Association, dated 29 January and 6 February

Correspondence from NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board, dated 5 February

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, dated 26 March

Correspondence with the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, dated 26 March

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment

Claire Hughes declared her non-pecuniary interest that she is a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Business and Trade.

James Gardiner, Senior Economist, EY, Professor Riccardo Crescenzi, Professor of Economic Geography, LSE, Nan Williams, Chair, GlobalWelsh, and Ken Poole MBE, Head of Economic Development, Cardiff Council and Invest in Cardiff, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

David Chadwick was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 3 March and 2 April 2025.

Henry Tufnell was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 12 March and 24 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Welsh Local Government Association [WIP0024]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Haf Elgar, Director, Friends of the Earth Cymru, Kirsty Luff, Communications Officer, Friends of the Earth Cymru, Daniel Therkelsen, Campaign Manager, Coal Action Network, and Anthony Collins, Policy Campaigner, Coal Action Network, gave oral evidence.

Carl Banton, Operations Director, Mining Remediation Authority, Nick Cox, Head of Programme Delivery - Metal Mines, Mining Remediation Authority, Nadia De Longhi,

Head of Regulation & Permitting, Natural Resources Wales, and Mary Lewis, Head of National Resources Management & Policy, Natural Resources Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 3 April 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

HMP Parc

Correspondence with HMP Parc and G4S, dated 3 April

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

Henry Tufnell was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 12 March and 24 March 2025.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Pre-appointment hearing for the role of S4C Chair

Delyth Evans, Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of the Board of S4C, gave oral evidence (partially in Welsh, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 1 March 2017).

3. Appointment of Delyth Evans as S4C Chair

Draft Report (Appointment of Delyth Evans as S4C Chair), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 760.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 30 April at 2.00 p.m

Tuesday 29 April 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 29 April

Wednesday 30 April 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi

Henry Tufnell was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 12 March and 24 March 2025.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells, in July 2025 in connection with its inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities.

2. Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 May at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 30 April 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Appointment of Delyth Evans as S4C Chair

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 30 April

Tuesday 13 May 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Housing and homelessness in Wales

Correspondence with the Bevan Foundation, dated 13 May

Correspondence with Cymorth Cymru, dated 13 May

Correspondence with Shelter Cymru, dated 13 May

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 12 March and 24 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Brynawel House Residential Rehab [PPR0003]
Mr Ian Fox [PPR0004]
Dr Robert Jones [PPR0005]
Dr Alyson Rees [PPR0006]
Welsh Women's Aid [PPR0007]
Dr Gregory Davies [PPR0008]
Cymdeithas yr Iaith [PPR0009]
Miss Leah Reed [PPR0010]
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists in Wales [PPR0011]
Napo [PPR0012]
Clinks [PPR0013]
UNISON [PPR0015]
Dr Lyn Adamson [PPR0016]
Public and Commercial Services Union [PPR0017]
Prisoners' Education Trust [PPR0018]
Independent Monitoring Boards [PPR0019]

INQUEST [PPR0020]

Comisiynydd y Gymraeg/Welsh Language Commissioner [PPR0021]

Comisiynydd y Gymraeg/Welsh Language Commissioner [PPR0022]

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales [PPR0023]

South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner [PPR0024]

Ministry of Justice [PPR0025]

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons [PPR0026]

Women in Prison [PPR0027]

Wales Probation Development Group [PPR0028]

G4S Community [PPR0029]

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Natural Resources Wales [WIP0026]

2. Evidence reported, not for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House, not for publication:

Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Dr Bernadette Hard [PPR0002]

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Ordered, That the Chair and Ann Davies have leave to visit HMP Eastwood Park in a representative capacity for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales.

5. Promoting Wales for inward investment

Claire Hughes declared her non-pecuniary interest that she is a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Business and Trade.

Mark Hallan, Director of Global Investment, Scottish Development International, and Joe Manning, Managing Director, MIDAS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 May at 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 18 May – Monday 19 May 2025

The Chair and Ann Davies visited HMP Eastwood Park in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 May.

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 12 March and 24 March 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities

Country Land and Business Association Cymru [FIW0001]
Professor Ludivine Petetin and Dr Alexander Fitzpatrick [FIW0003]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [FIW0004]
Dr Robert Bowen [FIW0005]
Wales Young Farmers Clubs [FIW0006]
NFU Cymru [FIW0007]
Migration Advisory Committee [FIW0008]
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute [FIW0009]
Wales Office [FIW0010]
Farmers' Union of Wales [FIW0011]
Nature Friendly Farming Network [FIW0012]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment

Resolved, That the Committee visit Wolf Studios Wales and BBC Studios, Cardiff, in connection with its inquiry into Promoting Wales for inward investment.

4. Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Elisabeth Davies, National Chair, Independent Monitoring Boards, and Charlie Taylor, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons at HM Inspectorate of Prisons, gave oral evidence.

Gethin Jones, Executive Committee Member, Public and Commercial Services Union, Su McConnel, Executive Member, Napo Cymru, and Hugh McDyer, Regional Organiser, UNISON Cymru, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 June at 2.00 p.m.

Friday 23 May 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Justice, dated 23 May

Tuesday 3 June 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The work of the First Minister of Wales

Correspondence with the First Minister of Wales, dated 25 February and 3 June

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Coal Action Network [WIP0027]
Mining Remediation Authority [WIP0028]

Main Estimate Memorandum

Wales Office 2025-26 Main Estimate Memorandum

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the impact of the 2025 Spending Review on Wales.

3. Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities

Ann Davies declared her interests as a dairy farmer in Carmarthenshire, as she also has a farm diversification business, and as she is Chair of the Farmers' Union of Wales in Carmarthenshire.

Henry Tufnell declared his interests as his parents and brother own and run an 895-hectare mainly arable farm in Gloucestershire, and his parents also own 10 hectares in Pembrokeshire, which they let out to a local farmer. He also declared that his father is a non-executive board member of Natural England and Chair of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and previously President of the Country Land and Business Association and non-executive director of the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England.

Llinos Medi declared her interests as her mother owns a farm.

Aled Jones, President, National Farmers' Union Cymru, Gareth Parry, Head of Policy, Farmers' Union of Wales, and Dominic Hampson-Smith, Rural Affairs Chair, Wales Young Farmers Clubs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 June at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 4 June 2025

The following paper was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal

Correspondence with the Minister for Water and Flooding, dated 4 June

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Henry Tufnell

In the absence of the Chair and Ben Lake, Simon Hoare was called to the Chair.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Re-offending, dated 5 June

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ruth Jones resumed the Chair.

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Rachael Davies, Contaminated Land Officer, Flintshire County Council, Jacqueline Mynott, Head of Infrastructure Asset Management, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Mark S. Williams, Executive Director – Corporate and Regeneration, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Robert Hartshorn, Director of Environment and Regulatory

Services, Caerphilly County Borough Council, and Nicola Pearce, Director of Environment and Regeneration, Neath Port Talbot Council, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 June at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The work of the First Minister of Wales

Correspondence from the First Minister of Wales, dated 11 June 2025

Promoting Wales for inward investment

Correspondence from Professor Riccardo Crescenzi, dated 13 June 2025

Correspondence from Nan Williams, dated 13 June 2025

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 June at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 19 June 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Promoting Wales for inward investment

Correspondence with Professor Riccardo Crescenzi, dated 8 April

Correspondence with Nan Williams, dated 8 April

Correspondence with Ken Poole MBE, dated 8 April

Wednesday 25 June 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Promoting Wales for inward investment

Correspondence from Ken Poole MBE, dated 16 April

Universities in Wales

Medr [UIW0001]
Universities and Colleges Employers' Association [UIW0002]
University and College Union [UIW0003]
UK Research and Innovation [UIW0004]
Universities Wales [UIW0005]

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Universities in Wales

Professor Rachael Langford, Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Dr Ben Calvert, Vice-Chancellor, University of South Wales, Professor Elwen Evans KC, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales Trinity St David, Professor Joe Yates, Vice-Chancellor,

Wrexham University, and Ben Lewis, Director, Open University in Wales, gave oral evidence.

Professor Jon Timmis, Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University, Professor Edmund Burke, Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University, Professor Wendy Lerner, Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University, and Professor Paul Boyle CBE, Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 July at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Housing and homelessness in Wales

Correspondence from the Bevan Foundation, dated 20 June
Correspondence from Shelter Cymru, dated 20 June
Correspondence from Cymorth Cymru, dated 20 June
Correspondence from Crisis, dated 20 June

Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence with HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, dated 28 May and 10 June
Correspondence with the Independent Monitoring Boards, dated 28 May and 24 June

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal

Correspondence from the Minister for Water and Flooding, dated 25 June

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Resolved, That the Committee visit Pittsburgh instead of Washington DC in connection with its inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit west Wales in connection with its inquiry into The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past.

4. The impact of the 2025 Spending Review on Wales

The Chair and Gill German declared their interest as members of the Bevan Foundation.

Dr Steffan Evans, Head of Policy (Poverty), Bevan Foundation, Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University, and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July at 2.00 p.m.

Sunday 6 July – Monday 7 July 2025

The Chair, Ann Davies, Gill German, Claire Hughes, Ben Lake and Andrew Ranger visited Wolf Studios Wales and BBC Studios, Cardiff, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 May.

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales

Ordered, That the Chair have leave to visit the Senedd in Cardiff in a representative capacity to participate in a Senedd Equality and Social Justice Committee oral evidence session for the purposes of the Committee's inquiry into Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales.

3. The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

The Chair declared her interest that her husband works for Arcadis, which is subcontracted to HS2.

Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Dame Nia Griffith DBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 14 July 2025

The Chair visited the Senedd in Cardiff in a representative capacity to participate in a Senedd Equality and Social Justice Committee oral evidence session, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 July.

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Cross-border healthcare

Correspondence from the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, dated 8 May
Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, dated 7 July

Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities

Correspondence from the Farmers' Union of Wales, dated 26 June
Correspondence from NFU Cymru, dated 26 June
Correspondence from Wales Young Farmers Clubs, dated 4 July

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities

Ann Davies and Henry Tufnell referred the Committee to the interests they had declared on 4 June.

Daniel Zeichner MP, Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs, Ceri Morgan CBE, Director of EU and International Trade, and Tessa Jones, Agri-food Chain Director, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 September at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 17 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities

Correspondence with the Farmers' Union of Wales, dated 9 June

Correspondence with NFU Cymru, dated 9 June

Correspondence with Wales Young Farmers Clubs, dated 9 June

Sunday 20 July – Monday 21 July 2025

The Chair, David Chadwick, Ann Davies, Ben Lake, Llinos Medi and Andrew Ranger visited the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells, in connection with the Committee's inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and Farming in Wales in 2025: challenges and opportunities.

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Claire Hughes
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell

Ben Lake was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 1 September 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security, dated 15 July

Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence from the Welsh Government Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, dated 18 August

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment

Claire Hughes declared her non-pecuniary interest that she is a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Business and Trade.

Andrew Carter, Chief Executive at Centre for Cities, Russell Greenslade, Wales Director at CBI, Dr Rhian Hayward MBE, Chief Executive at AberInnovation, and Howard Rupprecht, Managing Director at CSconnected Ltd, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Members present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

Ben Lake was on parental leave under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificates of 1 September 2025.

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Funding Simplification

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety, Fire and Local Growth, dated 2 September

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Work of the Crown Estate in Wales

Llinos declared her interest that she is a Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Marine Energy.

Dan Labbad, Chief Executive at The Crown Estate, and Rebecca Williams, Director of Devolved Nations at The Crown Estate, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 October at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The Work of the Crown Estate in Wales

Correspondence from the Crown Estate, dated 13 October.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a one-off evidence session on the Future of Rugby in Wales.

3. The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Michelle Rowson-Woods, Head of Operations for Wales at the Coalfields Regeneration Trust; and Meirion Thomas, Wales Director at the Industrial Communications Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 October at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 29 October 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair

David Chadwick

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Andrew Ranger

Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Gill German declared her non-pecuniary interest that she is temporarily a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Wales Office.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Jon Collins, Chief Executive, Prisoners' Education Trust; Anne-Marie Rogan, Cymru Business Development Manager, St Giles Trust; Jassa Scott, Strategic Director, Estyn; Nick Millington, Route Director for Wales and Borders, Network Rail; Scott Davies, Contract Supervisor, Rowecord Total Access Ltd; and Dawn Jevons, Social Value Manager for Wales, Galliford Trygave, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 November at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales.

Resolved, That members of the Welsh Parliament/Senedd Cymru Equality and Social Justice Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 12 November relating to prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A(3) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Draft Report (Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 785.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 November at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

Jenny Rathbone, a Member of the Welsh Parliament/Senedd Cymru, also attended for item 3 under the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Welsh Affairs Committee's resolution of 5 November).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Promoting Wales for Inward Investment

Correspondence from Dr Rhian Hayward and Howard Rupprecht, dated 29 September.

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Meeting Summary of the private Roundtable with Prison Governors, dated 9 September.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Simon Hoare declared his non-pecuniary interest as a patron of the friends of his local prison.

Alun Jones, Chief Executive, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales; Rhys Jones, Director of Assurance, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales; Rachel Thomas, Director of Operations, Primary, Community and Intermediate Care, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board; Katie Dalton, Director, Cymorth Cymru; and Chloe Marshall, Wales Operations Manager, Nacro, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 December at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 17 November – Friday 21 November 2025

The Chair, Ann Davies, Gill German, Simon Hoare, Andrew Ranger, and Henry Tufnell visited Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York City as part of its inquiries into Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January.

Wednesday 3 December 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Gerald Jones
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Declaration of interests

Gerald Jones declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence to and from Charlie Taylor, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, on Welsh language provision, dated 21 October and 11 November.

Correspondence from Lord Timpson dated 14 November: Welsh Disaggregated Data Update.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Martin Jones CBE, Chief Inspector of Probation, HM Inspectorate of Probation; Keith Fraser, Chair, Youth Justice Board; Adrian Usher, Prisons and Probation Ombudsman,

HM Prison and Probation Service; Efa Gruffudd Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner, Comisiynydd y Gymraeg / Welsh Language Commissioner; Bryn Hall, Area Engagement and Partnerships Manager for Wales, Clinks; and Lucy Russell, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Women in Prison, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 December at 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The Environmental and Economic Legacy of Wales' Industrial Past

Correspondence to and from Coalfields Regeneration Trust relating to the 22 October evidence session.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Promoting Wales for inward investment and The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Welsh Government; Liz Lalley MBE, Director, Economic Policy and Strategy, Welsh Government; and Andrew Gwatkin, Director, International Relations and Trade, Welsh Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 December at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The Work of the Crown Estate in Wales

Correspondence to and from The Crown Estate relating to the Supply Chain Accelerator and the Supply Chain Investment Programme.

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence from the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman relating to the 3 December evidence session.

Information provided from Cardiff Council, relating to housing and homelessness services to prison leavers.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

The Lord Timpson OBE DL, Minister of State for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending, Ministry of Justice; and Ian Barrow, Executive Director for HMPPS Wales, HMPPS, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 January at 2.00 p.m

Wednesday 7 January 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Ann Davies
Gill German
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Farming in Wales 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to reforms of Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief, dated 23 December.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells, in July 2026 in connection with its ongoing work programme.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 January at 2.00 p.m

Monday 12 January 2026

The following written correspondence was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence from the UK Government

Wednesday 14 January 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair

Ann Davies

Gerald Jones

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence to and from Paul Mears, Chief Executive, Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board, relating to the evidence session on the 12 November.

Correspondence to and from Jassa Scott, Strategic Director, Estyn, relating to the evidence session on 29 October.

Correspondence to and from Jon Collins, Chief Executive, Prisoners' Education Trust, relating to the evidence session on 29 October.

Correspondence to and from Alun Jones, Chief Executive, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, relating to the evidence session on the 12 November.

Correspondence to and from Chloe Marshall, Operations Manager for Wales, Nacro, relating to the evidence session on the 12 November.

Correspondence to and from Martin Jones CBE, HM Chief Inspector of Probation, HM Inspectorate of Probation, relating to the evidence session on the 3 December.

Correspondence to and from Keith Fraser, Chair, Youth Justice Board, relating to the evidence session on the 3 December.

Written Evidence submitted from St Giles Trust as part of the inquiry into Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Regular Scrutiny Session with S4C Leadership

Delyth Evans, Chair, S4C; Dyfrig Davies, Lead Independent Member of the Board, S4C; and Geraint Evans, Chief Executive, S4C, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 January at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 15 January 2026

The following written correspondence was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Correspondence from the Chair to Natural Resources Wales, dated 15 January

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair

David Chadwick

Ann Davies

Gill German

Gerald Jones

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The Future of Rugby in Wales

Correspondence from the WRU on the future of rugby in Wales, dated 21 January 2026.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The future of rugby in Wales

Abi Tierney, Chief Executive Officer, Welsh Rugby Union; Richard Collier-Keywood, Chair, Welsh Rugby Union; Grant Berni, fan representative, Ospreys Supporters Club; Daniel Hallett, fan representative, Dragons Supporters Club; Lynn Glaister, fan representative, Cardiff Rugby Supporters Group; and Iwan Griffiths, Member of the Crys 16 Supporter's Trust Committee, Scarletts Supporters Trust, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 28 January at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair

David Chadwick

Ann Davies

Simon Hoare

Gerald Jones

Llinos Medi

Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell

Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence to and from Carol Shillabeer, Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, dated 8 December.

Correspondence to and from Nicola Prygodzicz, Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, dated 8 December.

Correspondence to and from Christina Line, Chief Executive, The Nelson Trust, dated 10 December.

Correspondence from Lord Timpson to the Chair, dated 19 January.

Correspondence to and from Suzanne Rankin, Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, dated 16 January.

Promoting Wales for Inward Investment and The Environmental and Economic Legacy of Wales' Industrial Past

Correspondence from Rebecca Evans, relating to the evidence session on 10 December, in English and Welsh.

The Environmental and Economic Legacy of Wales' Industrial Past

Correspondence to and from Huw Irranca-Davies, relating to the evidence session on 10 December.

2. Farming in Wales 2025: Challenges and Opportunities: Government response

Draft Special Report (*Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2024-26*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to. The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Cross-border healthcare arrangements between England and Wales.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 2 February at 2.45 p.m.

Monday 2 February

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
Gill German
Simon Hoare
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Promoting Wales for Inward Investment

Lord Stockwood, Minister for Investment at Department for Business and Trade at UK Government; and Tim Newns, Director, Office for Investment at Department for Business and Trade at UK Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 February at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 3 February 2026

The following written correspondence was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence from the Chair to Treasury, dated 3 February

Correspondence from the Chair to the Department of Business and Trade, dated 3 February

Wednesday 4 February 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence to and from Swansea Bay University Health Board, dated 8 January.

Correspondence to and from Network Rail, relating to the evidence session on 29 October, dated 23 January.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Resolved, That the Committee visit the North Wales Women's Centre, Rhyl, Wales, and HMP Berwyn, Wrexham, Wales in connection with its inquiry into Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 February at 2.00 p.m

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Regular scrutiny session with S4C leadership

Correspondence to and from S4C, relating to the evidence session on 14 January.

Promoting Wales for Inward Investment

Correspondence from Lord Harrington, dated 22 January.

The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past

Correspondence to and from Natural Resources Wales, dated 27 January.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, Wales Office; Anna McMorris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Wales Office; and Ciarán Hayes, Director, Wales Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 February at 2.00 p.m

Monday 23 February 2026

The following written correspondence was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

Cross-border education

Correspondence to Flintshire Council, dated 12 February 2026.

Correspondence to Wrexham Council, dated 12 February 2026.

Correspondence to Powys Council, dated 12 February 2026.

Correspondence to Monmouthshire Council, dated 12 February 2026.

Wednesday 25 February 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair

Ann Davies

Gerald Jones

Ben Lake

Andrew Ranger

Henry Tufnell

Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The future of rugby in Wales

Correspondence to and from the Welsh Rugby Union, following on from the 21 January evidence session, dated 28 January and 12 February.

Supplementary Estimate Memorandum

Wales Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2025-26.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Housing and Homelessness in Wales

The Chair declared her interests as a member of the Bevan Foundation.

Ann Davies declared her interests as a private landlord.

Lauren Caley, Policy and Campaigns, Shelter Cymru; Katie Dalton, Director, Cymorth Cymru; Dr Steffan Evans, CEO, Bevan Foundation; and Debbie Thomas, Head of Policy and Communications (Wales), Crisis, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Andrew Ranger

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Promoting Wales for Inward Investment

Correspondence to and from Lord Stockwood, following on from the 2 February evidence session, dated 5 and 24 February.

Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence to and from HM Treasury, dated 3 and 25 February.

HMP Parc

Correspondence from G4S and HMP Parc to the Chair, relating to media reports on HMP Parc, dated 10 April 2025.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Working towards ending child poverty in Wales.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 March at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 18 March 2026

The Chair, Gill German, Gerald Jones, and Andrew Ranger, the North Wales Women's Centre, Rhyl, Wales, and HMP Berwyn, Wrexham, Wales in connection with its inquiry into Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 4 February.

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Simon Hoare
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The work of the Secretary of State for Wales

Correspondence to and from the Secretary of State for Wales, following on from the 11 February evidence session, dated 23 February and 16 March.

Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

Correspondence to and from the Department of Business and Trade, relating to the Government response to the *Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities* report, dated 3 February and 13 March.

Visa concessions for sheep shearers

Correspondence to and from the Home Office, relating to the visa concession for temporary employment as sheep shearers, dated 2 March and 13 March.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Future of HMP Parc

Draft Report (The Future of HMP Parc), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 702.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 April at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gill German
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Cross-border healthcare arrangements between England and Wales

Hleb Buziuk (CBH001)
Newmedica (CBH004)
Care England (CBH006)
Better Lives in Powys (CBH008)
Kidney Care UK and Kidney Wales (CBH009)
Optometry Wales (CBH0010)
Royal College of Pathologists (CBH0011)
Sands (CBH0012)
Young Lives vs Cancer (CBH0013)
Care Quality Commission (CBH0014)
Association of Anaesthetists (CBH0015)
NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (CBH0016)
Royal College of Nursing Cymru Wales (CBH0017)
British Medical Association Cymru Wales (CBH0018)
Arthritis UK (CBH0019)
Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales (CBH0020)
Llais (CBH0022)
Royal College of General Practitioners Cymru Wales (CBH0023)
Mims Davies MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales (CBH0024)
Welsh NHS Confederation (CBH0025)
Welsh Government (CBH0026)

Housing and Homelessness in Wales

Correspondence to and from Crisis, following on from the evidence session on 25 February, dated 9 and 10 March.

Cross-border education

Correspondence from Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council, relating to cross-border education, dated 11 and 12 March.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 April at 2.00pm.

Monday 20 April 2026

The following written correspondence was reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 30 October 2024:

The Environmental and Economic Legacy of Wales' Industrial Past

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Wales, relating to The Environmental and Economic Legacy of Wales' Industrial Past (Gwaddol Amgylcheddol ac Economaidd Gorffennol Diwydiannol Cymru), dated 20 April 2026.

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Members Present

Ruth Jones, in the Chair
David Chadwick
Ann Davies
Gerald Jones
Ben Lake
Andrew Ranger
Henry Tufnell
Steve Witherden

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Housing and Homelessness in Wales

Correspondence to and from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, relating to the evidence session on 25 February, dated 17 March and 14 April 2026.

Pre-appointment process for the Chair of S4C

Correspondence to and from the Minister for Creative Industries, Media and Arts, dated 25 March and 13 April 2026.

Working towards ending child poverty in Wales

Correspondence to and from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, dated 25 March and 14 April 2026.

Correspondence to and from the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, dated 1 April 2026.

Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales

Correspondence from Dr Rob Jones and Dr Gregory Davies, relating to Welsh language provision in prisons, dated 7 October 2025.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Cross-border healthcare arrangements between England and Wales

Petra Holm, Digital Transformation Adviser at e-Estonia; Alyson Thomas, Chief Executive at Llais; Gemma Lelliott, Director for Wales at Community Transport Association; and Stacey Keegan, Chief Executive at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 May at 4.00pm.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

(i) Members of the Committee

Aphra Brandreth

18 December 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 9 December 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Company Director

Payer: Smart Vet Ltd (trading as Pet People) (Veterinary Clinics), Central House,
124 High Street, Hampton Hill TW12 1NS

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,047.50 a month

Until: 31 July 2024.

Hours: 2 hrs a week Approximate

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 4 September 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Chester Finance & Leasing Ltd

Address of donor: The Yew Tree Inn High Street, Gresford, Wrexham LL12 8RF

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 04607347

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Michele Brandreth and Gyles Brandreth

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Michele Brandreth & Gyles Brandreth

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Eddisbury Property Company Limited

Address of donor: Drake House Gadbrook Park, Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire
CW9 7RA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: company, registration 00044888

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Chester & County Unionist Buildings Ltd

Address of donor: 2 Hilliards Court, Chester Business Park, Chester, Cheshire
CH4 9QP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 00224705

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Chester & County Unionist Buildings Ltd

Address of donor: 2 Hilliards Court, Chester Business Park, Chester, Cheshire
CH4 9QP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: company, registration 00224705

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Edward Van Cutsem

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Stephen Mosley

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,505.35

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 October 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Carlton Club (London) Ltd

Address of donor: 69 St James' Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Temporary admission card for use of the Carlton Club from November 2023 for period of time to cover up to the date of the General Election 2024. Value is estimated, value £1,337

Date received: 13 November 2023 to 4 July 2024

Date accepted: 13 November 2023

Donor status: company, registration 00573221

(Registered 31 July 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Commercial property (Ground floor Commercial property)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Ownership details: Property is owned by the company of which both my husband and I are the joint company owners and directors.

Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: The rental income is paid to the company of which both my husband and I are the joint owners and directors.

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 20 September 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (House)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Ferring, West Sussex

Ownership details: Co-owned with my husband Rental income: Yes

Rental income details: The rental income is paid to both myself and my husband

(Registered 31 July 2024)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Smart Vet Ltd (Trading as Pet People)

Nature of business: Veterinary business

Held jointly with or on behalf of: My husband is also a shareholder

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Saibick Limited

Nature of business: Commercial property letting company

Held jointly with or on behalf of: Husband is also a shareholder of the company

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Saibick Investments Ltd

Nature of business: Investment company

Held jointly with or on behalf of: Jointly with my husband, two sons and daughter.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Company director, Smart Vet Ltd.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Unpaid Director of Saibick Limited.

Date interest ended: 13 August 2024

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 4 September 2024)

Company director, Saibick Investments Ltd.

Date interest ended: 13 August 2024

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 4 September 2024)

18 December 2024: Additional interests: Member, Growth Track 360 Parliamentary Group.

David Chadwick

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: David Houten

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 donation towards the cost of a fundraising dinner held in June 2023.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Brecon and Liberal Democrat 49 Club

Address of donor: Min Yr Afon, Erwood, Builth Wells LD3 2PQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Petterson

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Roger Williams

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: David Houten

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 donation
towards election costs.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Mark Petterseon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Matthew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Charles Du Cane

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,650

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: David and Hilary Stevens

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Goldstone Cardiff Limited

Address of donor: 9a Heol y Deri, Cardiff CF14 6HA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: company, registration 08241385

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Ann Davies

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: County Councillor (and until 29 July 2024, Cabinet Member)

Payer: Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen SA31 1JP

(Registered 30 July 2024)

Payment: £3,172 Final payment

Received on: 15 August 2024. Hours: 80 hrs approx.

(Registered 4 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Grwp Cynghorwyr Sir Gar

Address of donor: A Lenny, Neuadd Y Sir, Caerfyrddin. SA31 1JP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: other (Local Councillor Group of Plaid Cymru)

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Dafydd Lyn Williams

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to help with Election expenses

Donor status: individual

(Registered 25 August 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Agricultural land

Location: Carmarthenshire

Ownership details: co-owned with family members

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Type of land/property: Business property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Carmarthenshire

Ownership details: co-owned by family members

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 22 July 2024)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: GB & CA DAVIES

Nature of business: farm business

Held jointly with or on behalf of: jointly owned with my husband and another family member

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Meithrinfa Cwtsh Y Clos

Nature of business: Children's Nursery

Held jointly with or on behalf of: co-owned by a family member

(Registered 22 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Co-chair and member of Llanarthne Area Pylon Group. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Member of Nantgaredig Governors. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Member of the Llanarthne New Village Hall and Community Hub. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Chair of Governors at Ysgol Llanddarog Wirfoddol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Chair of Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 30 July 2024)

Chairperson of the Farmers Union of Wales - Carmarthenshire branch. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 30 July 2024)

30 October 2024: Additional declarations: Member of Llanarthne Area Pylon Group started in January 2023 no end date.

Gill German

8 January 2025: Register of Members' Interests (as at 6 January 2025)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Deputy Leader of County Council
/Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Denbighshire County Council (County Council), County Hall, Ruthin LL15 9ZZ

(Registered 26 July 2024)

Payment: £546.37 Final payment

Received on: 27 July 2024. Hours: None since my election.

(Registered 26 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Millbank Tower, 21-24 Millbank, London SW1P 4QP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: GMB Union

Address of donor: Mary Turner House, 22 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 23 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Non-executive Director at Denbighshire Leisure Limited. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 15 July 2024

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Simon Hoare

15 January 2025: Register of Members' Interests (as at 6 January 2025)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: John Romans

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,232 in aid of General Election Fighting Fund.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Oxfordshire

Ownership details: Owned jointly with my wife

Rental income: from 1 September 2015 until 2 December 2024

(Registered 21 May 2015; updated 8 January 2018 and 4 December 2024)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: Kate Hoare

Relationship: Spouse

Role: Office Manager

Working pattern: Full time

(Registered 29 February 2016; updated 20 December 2019 and 14 November 2023)

15 January 2025: Additional declarations: My wife and I own jointly a house in Pembrokeshire.

Claire Hughes

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

1. (a) Support linked to an MP but not received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited

Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to support campaign activities leading up to the General Election.

Donor status: company, registration 09630980

(Registered 3 August 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (Bungalow)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Penmaenmawr

Interest held: until 9 August 2024

Ownership details: Co-owned with a family member.

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 2 September 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid directorship of a private company (Space Republic Limited)

Date interest ended: 5 August 2024

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 2 September 2024)

Gerald Jones

December 2025: Register of Members' Interests (as at 17 November 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

A Trustee of a local charity, Phillipstown Residents and Community Association.

(Registered 9 March 2023)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: Tyrone Powell

Relationship: Partner

Role: Senior Parliamentary Assistant
Working Pattern: Full time
(Registered 4 June 2015)

Ruth Jones

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £1,740
Date received: 2 January 2024 to 31 January 2024
Date accepted: 2 January 2024
Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 9 February 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £3,095
Date received: 21 February 2024 to 8 March 2024
Date accepted: 21 February 2024
Donor status: other (members' association)

(Registered 15 March 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £3,250
Date received: 11 March 2024 to 3 April 2024
Date accepted: 11 March 2024
Donor status: other (members' association)

(Registered 3 April 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £3,810
Date received: 4 April 2024 to 29 April 2024
Date accepted: 4 April 2024
Donor status: other (members' association)

(Registered 30 April 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £2,609
Date received: 30 April 2024 to 21 May 2024
Date accepted: 30 April 2024
Donor status: other (Member's Association)

(Registered 24 July 2024)

Name of donor: Labour Animal Welfare Society
Address of donor: 30 Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a staff member working in my office on animal welfare policy, value £3,810
Date received: 4 April 2024
Date accepted: 4 April 2024
Donor status: other (members' association)

(Registered 24 July 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: ChinaAid
Address of donor: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation (£304), economy class flights (£2,157.11) and other travel (£15), value £2,466.11
Destination of visit: Taiwan (Taipei)
Dates of visit: 5 September 2023 to 8 September 2023

Purpose of visit: As an officer of the APPG for the Freedom of Religious Beliefs, to lead a delegation to the Taiwan International Religious Freedom Summit and be the keynote speaker at the plenary session.

(Registered 2 October 2023)

30 October 2024: Additional declarations: Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Semiconductors. Husband is employed by Arcadis (a construction engineering company that works on HS2).

Ben Lake

6 November 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

Nil

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30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Community Councillor, Llannerchymedd Community Council. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 23 July 2024)

County Councillor Ynys Mon Council. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Chair of Governors, Bodedern Secondary School. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 23 July 2024)

School Governor, Llanfechell Primary School. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 23 July 2024)

30 October 2024: Additional declarations: Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Marine Energy. Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Avanti West Coast. Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Welsh Food and Hospitality.

Andrew Ranger

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Freelance work as an Accountant and Business Consultant

Payer: Plumtree Hotels Ltd (Management of hotels), Dragon Hotel, Market Square, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6PA

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Payment expected: £2,218.59 to cover freelance accountancy and business consultancy services that I provided to this company.

Completed or provided on: 30 June 2024. Hours: None since my election.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation towards election campaign costs

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Director of Plumtree Hotels (Dragon) Ltd. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Unpaid director of UK Hospitality Partners Ltd.

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Director of Plumtree Hotels Ltd.

Additional information: I am an unpaid director of the company where I also carry out other services and am paid on a freelance basis.

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Councillor, Offa Community Council. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Henry Tufnell

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Alexandros Grispos

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Carolyn Kendrick

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for my General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unison Labour Link

Address of donor: Unison, Unison Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,327.28 for my General Election Campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: Carolyn Kendrick

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for my General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 22 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Trustee of the Carlie Tufnell Charitable Trust. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 22 July 2024)

6 November 2024: Additional declarations: Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Celtic Sea. Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Carbon Storage and Utilisation. Chair (unremunerated), Commission for Carbon Competitiveness.

Steve Witherden

30 October 2024: Register of Members' Interests (as at 14 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Welsh Labour Grassroots (WLG)

Address of donor: Private address

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000 donation for the general election campaign.

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr Constituency Labour Party (CLP).

Address of donor: c/o private address

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 for my election campaign.

Donor status: registered party

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 1 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9SD

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 donation to the general election campaign fund in the constituency.

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 1 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

NASUWT National Executive Member for District 30 (North Wales). This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 18 July 2024

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Negotiating Secretary NASUWT Wrexham Association. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Joint-Negotiating Secretary (Wrexham Teachers Joint Negotiating Committee) and Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson (Teachers Joint Consultative Committee). This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 9 July 2024

(Registered 1 August 2024)

30 October 2024: Additional declaration: Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Wood Panelling.