

European and External Affairs Committee

Minutes EUR2 03-05

Meeting date: 14 April 2005

Meeting time: 9.00-12.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

Attendance

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| Sandy Mewies (Chair) | Delyn |
| Rosemary Butler | Newport West |
| Jeff Cuthbert | Caerphilly |
| Mike German | South Wales East |
| Christine Gwyther | Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire |
| Dai Lloyd | South Wales West |
| Rhodri Morgan | Cardiff West |

Officials

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| Gary Davies | Head of European and External Affairs Division |
| Steve Davies | Policy Officer, European and External Affairs Division |
| Jackie Brown | European and External Affairs Division |
| Rob Halford | Economic Policy Division |
| Anna Daniel | MRCS - Assembly Parliamentary Service |
| Gwyn O Griffiths | Legal Advisor - Assembly Parliamentary Service |

Others

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| | | Agenda item (s) |
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| Carwyn Jones, AM Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside | | 4 |
| Stephen Thomas | Wales Centre for International Affairs | 5 |
| Andrew McKechnie | Wales Centre for International Affairs | 5 |
| Pat Sellers | Director, Services Director, Dti | 8 |
| Heinz Kessel | Assistant Director Services Director, Dti | 8 |

Committee Service

| Name | Job title |
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| John Grimes | Clerk |
| Sarah Bartlett | Deputy Clerk |

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies had been received from Nick Bourne AM, Jonathan Morgan AM, Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Rhodri Glyn Thomas, AM and from standing invitees Janet Davies AM, Glenys Kinnock MEP, Eluned Morgan MEP, Jonathan Evans MEP and Rose D'Sa.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Dai Lloyd AM as a substitute for Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 The Chair reported that a verbatim record would be made of this and future

EEAC meetings

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising **Paper: EUR2 02-05 - Minutes of meeting held on 24 February** **Paper: EUR2 03-05 - Action Outstanding**

2.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February were agreed as a true record.

Item 3: First Minister's Report **Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p1)**

Actions

The First Minister agreed to come back to the issue of how the expertise gained from operating the structural funds could be retained after the end of the programme.

Clerk to circulate the papers from the WLGA seminar that the First Minister had recently attended and to consider whether any of the items discussed might be relevant to EEAC meetings.

Item 4: First General Assembly in Sumatra

Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p2)

Actions

The EPC Minister agreed to provide a list of members of the Network.

The EPC Minister agreed to keep the Committee updated on the work of the network and the help needed in Asia to rebuild areas devastated by the Tsunami.

Item 5: Doha Development Agenda

Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p3)

EUR2 03-05 (p4)

Actions

Officials agreed to provide a note after the Hong Kong Ministerial, updating the Committee on developments

Item 6: Regional Aid Map

Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p5)

Actions:

Officials agreed to keep the Committee fully informed on developments either through a paper to Committee or, if a meeting was not imminent, through a note to be circulated out of Committee.

Item 7: Working Time Directive

Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p6)

7.1 Members noted the update.

Item 8: EU Services Directive

Paper: EUR2 03-05 (p7)

EUR2 03-05 (p8)

EUR2 03-05 (p9)

Actions

The Clerk to circulate the draft report to members for comment and agreement, if possible, out of Committee; also to e-mail members with the timetable for the EU Committees considering the report.

Item 9: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions

9.1 The Committee noted the oral update from Rosemary Butler.

Actions

Rosemary Butler to circulate report on Flood Risk Management discussed by CoR and papers on cultural tourism in Western Gothaland.

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