

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

## Minutes : EOC(3)-09-10 : Date Tuesday 22 June 2010

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**Time: 10.00 - 11.00**

**Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales**

### Assembly Members in attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)  
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East  
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales  
Janet Ryder, North Wales  
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

### Witnesses

#### Item 2

Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport  
Dave Thomas, Rail Project Manager  
Tim James, Deputy Director Integrated Transport

### Committee Staff

Claire Morris, Clerk  
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk  
Leon Gooberman, Members' Research Service  
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.

### Item 2: Inquiry into the Accessibility of Railway Stations - Oral Evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport

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- 2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport as part of their inquiry into the Accessibility of Railway Stations.
- 2.2 The Deputy First Minister agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

### Action

The Deputy First Minister agreed to provide the following additional information:

The Deputy First Minister would consider the written information submitted by Passenger Focus in relation to compelling future bidders for the Wales and Borders franchise to improve the accessibility of station facilities.

A note on the 'grandfather rights' of stations and the implications for improving such stations.

A note on how Wales compares to Scotland in relation to regulatory powers.

### Item 3: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting on 6 July 2010

- 3.1 The Committee agreed the motion under Standing Order 10.37(vi) and 10.37(ix) to exclude the public from its next meeting on 6 July to discuss matters relating to its report on the Accessibility of Railway Stations and to agree the terms of reference for its next inquiry.

### 4: Paper Noted

- 4.1 The Committee noted the following paper:

EOC(3)-08-10 Minutes of meeting held on 8 June 2010