Legislation Committee No 3

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Assembly Members in Attendance

Dai Lloyd AM, South Wales West Christine Chapman AM, Cynon Valley Veronica German AM, South Wales East William Graham AM, South Wales East Joyce Watson AM, Mid and West Wales

Committee Staff

Carys Jones, Clerk Ruth Hatton, Deputy Clerk Bethan Roberts, Legal Advisor

Witnesses

Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government; Frank Cuthbert - Head, Local Government Democracy Team;

Stephen Phipps - Head, Partnership and Ethics Team;

Anne Koppel, Lawyer;

Deborah Richards, Lawyer;

Emma Locke, Lawyer,

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Helen Mary Jones AM.

Item 2: Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure - Evidence Session 1

2.1 The Committee took oral evidence from Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government.

Action points

The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further details on evidence received during the consultation period in relation to lay persons chairing audit committees, as detailed in section 84 – 94 of the proposed Measure.