

# Enterprise and Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 11 October 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:45 – 12:58**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Byron Davies**  
**Alun Ffred Jones**  
**Eluned Parrott**  
**Gwyn R Price (In place of Keith Davies)**  
**Jenny Rathbone (In place of Julie James)**  
**David Rees**  
**Ken Skates**  
**Dafydd Elis-Thomas**  
**Joyce Watson**

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### Witnesses:

**Edwina Hart, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**  
**Rob Hunter, Director of Finance and Performance, BETS**  
**James Price, Director General, BETS**  
**Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities**  
**Frances Duffy, Director of Transport, Welsh Government**  
**Claire Bennett, Deputy Director, Transport Policy, Planning and Partnerships, Welsh Government**

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### Committee Staff:

**Siân Phipps (Clerk)**  
**Andrew Minnis (Researcher)**  
**Ben Stokes (Researcher)**

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## 1. Informal briefing on the Draft Budget

Members received an informal briefing on the Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14.

## **2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. Apologies were received from Keith Davies AM, who was substituted by Gwyn Price AM. Apologies were also received from Julie James AM, who was substituted by Jenny Rathbone AM.

## **3. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14: Ministerial Scrutiny Session**

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and her officials to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science agreed to provide the Committee with a note regarding the future strategic direction of the nine key sectors and their relationship with Enterprise Zones, R&D and inward investment. The Minister agreed to include information on the measurable outputs, outcomes and targets she expects to be achieved by the sectors and how they are expected to contribute to economic growth.

Rob Hunter, Director, Finance and Performance, agreed to provide the Committee with a detailed breakdown of the activity funded by the 'Strategic Investment Support' budget expenditure line.

## **4. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14: Ministerial Scrutiny Session**

4.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and his officials to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Minister for Local Government and Communities agreed to provide the Committee with a note to clarify why revenue funding for the Regional Transport Plan has fallen from £11.5m in 2012–13 to £0.5m in 2013–14.

The Minister for Local Government and Communities agreed to provide the Committee with a paper to explain the changes in funding arrangements for bus travel, and what this means for the customer in terms of service delivery and transport integration.

## **5. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **6. Consideration of evidence and budget report**

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14.