

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4 and Video Conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: Thursday, 31 March 2022

Meeting time: 13.02 – 15.22

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | David Rees MS (Chair) Russell George MS John Griffiths MS Jenny Rathbone MS Jack Sargeant MS Sam Rowlands MS Delyth Jewell MS |
| Witnesses: | Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Alun Davidson (Clerk) Aled ap Neill (Deputy Clerk) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair, David Rees MS, welcomed Members and witnesses to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Paul Davies MS and Llyr Gruffydd MS; Sam Rowlands MS and Delyth Jewell MS substituted for them, respectively. Jenny Rathbone declared an interest as a shareholder of Awel Ltd.

2 Cost of living

The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on policy relating to the cost of living.

3 Ministerial scrutiny session – Topical matters

Members asked the First Minister questions on topical matters.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

The motion was agreed.

5 Discussion of previous evidence sessions

The Committee discussed the evidence from the meeting.