

Finance Committee

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Agenda

- 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions (09:30–09:35)**
- 2. Motion under the Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business**
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- 3. Financial scrutiny of legislation (09:35–10:00)** (Pages 1 – 10)
- 4. Higher Education Funding (10:00 – 10:20)** (Pages 11 – 34)

Break (10:20 – 10:30)

Public Session

- 5. Asset Management – Evidence from the Welsh Government (10:30–11:30)** (Pages 35 – 47)
FIN(4) 03–13 – Paper 1 – Welsh Government

Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Health and Social Services
Mark Osland, Deputy Director of Finance, Department for Health, Social Services & Children.
Val Whiting, Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities, H&SC.

- 6. Asset Management – Evidence from the Welsh Government**

(11:30–12:30) (Pages 48 – 50)

FIN(4) 03–13 – Paper 2 – Welsh Government

Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

James Price, Director General, Department for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Chris Sutton, Board Member of the Cardiff Central Enterprise Zone and Member of the Business Rates Task and Finish Group

7. Papers to note (Pages 51 – 75)

FIN(4) 05–13 (p3) Letter from Chair – Outturn report 2012.

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FIN(4) 05–13 (p5) Response to action points – 30 Jan 2013 – Welsh Government

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Supplementary Estimate

8. Consideration of Evidence – On Asset Management (12:30–12:45)

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FIN(4) 05-13 Paper 1

FINANCE COMMITTEE – INQUIRY INTO ASSET MANAGEMENT

Evidence from the Minister for Health & Social Services

Introduction and Scope

1. This paper provides evidence to inform the Finance Committee's inquiry into asset management.
2. In terms of its scope, the focus is confined to consideration of the NHS asset portfolio. It is worth emphasising that these assets are owned by individual NHS organisations and do not form part of the Welsh Government estate.
3. It is understood that the Finance Committee has, in its call for evidence in November 2012, included the seven local health boards (LHBs) and three trusts as consultees. This paper therefore considers the Welsh Government's perspective in terms of promoting, guiding and supporting effective asset management within the NHS.

NHS Assets

4. NHS services are delivered from a diverse, complex and geographically widespread portfolio of properties. The 2011-12 Summarised Account for NHS Wales shows the total Non Current Capital Assets valued at £2.9 billion. This figure does not include any assets held for sale and comprises:
 - A total land area of almost 700 hectares;
 - 130 hospitals of varying age, construction, size and function;
 - 200 health centres and clinics;
 - 80 mental health and learning disability units;
 - 89 ambulance stations;
 - 160 miscellaneous properties in the form of offices, housing, storage and distribution warehouses.
5. The NHS also has other significant assets including IT infrastructure and vehicles. As an example of the latter, the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust currently has 736 vehicles in their transport fleet including 227 emergency response vehicles, 116 rapid response vehicles and others.

Strategic Alignment

6. With reference to the Committee's interest in linking asset management to the wider strategic and policy objectives, *Together for Health* is the five-year vision for the NHS in Wales. It is based around primary and community services at the centre of delivery, and promotes service modernisation including care provided closer to home and specialist "centres of excellence".

7. The effective management of the NHS asset base is a key enabler in delivering this vision, including developing services that are safe and sustainable, and in delivering commitments regarding better access and improved patient experience.

8. NHS bodies are currently developing their service change plans, and different bodies are at different stages of the engagement and consultation process. In terms of stakeholder involvement, across Wales there has been unprecedented participation in the engagement and consultation processes. LHBs are actively involving patients, partner organisations and staff with the intention that the plans for service change reflect local views.

9. NHS bodies are expected to have local asset management plans - Estates Strategies - to support the delivery of their overarching service plans. Over the coming period, as the service plans emerge, the Welsh Government will be requiring these to be re-evaluated and re-aligned to fit the refocused strategic framework and to be integrated with service, workforce, quality and IT plans.

Welsh Government Investment

10. There has been a sustained and significant investment in NHS assets, with £247 million being invested in the current year and £1.4 billion invested over the lifetime of the Welsh Government.

11. There are currently 114 schemes at various stages of the development, approval and delivery path. These include new health facilities such as the expansion of the Children's Hospital for Wales and a new mental health unit at Glanryhd; major refurbishments at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, Prince Charles Hospital, Morriston Hospital and Bronglais Hospital; replacement ambulances; new equipment and investment in IT systems such as the Welsh Clinical Portal, which allows hospital based clinicians to view patient information in one single and secure online location.

Asset Management Expertise

12. Of the 72,423 whole time equivalent staff reported to be employed in NHS Wales, 1,007 (1.39%) fulfil estates functions. In addition, professional and technical services are provided by the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Facilities Services to individual bodies. In terms of the services provided, these include:

- Property management services, including the handling of all NHS property acquisitions and disposals and lease management;
- Specialist engineering and environmental support in areas such as high voltage, medical gases, ventilation, decontamination, fire safety, water and waste services;

- Construction management services including the procurement of integrated supply chains and support consultants; and
- Maintaining a national publications programme of healthcare best practice design and engineering guidance.

13. Facilities Services also provides the Welsh Government with professional advice and guidance in terms of the delivery of strategic change in the healthcare estate and also in ensuring that the existing estate is managed and maintained to a high standard. It is understood that Facilities Services will be providing separate evidence to the Finance Committee for this enquiry.

Asset Management Performance

14. NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Facilities Services produces an annual report, *The NHS in Wales: Estate Condition & Performance*, which considers the condition and performance of the NHS estate measured against five national performance indicators:

- Physical condition;
- Statutory and safety compliance;
- Functional suitability;
- Space utilisation; and
- Energy performance.

15. The reporting system was introduced by the Welsh Government in 2002, with the intention of driving improvements in the performance and efficiency of the estate. The 2011-12 report shows¹:

- A further reduction in the costs of backlog maintenance of £29.6 million to £184.9 million;
- 80% of the estate is considered to be functionally suitable;
- Organisations are using available space well, with 91% being fully utilised;
- A fall in energy consumption of 4.9% over the previous 12 months.

Improving Efficiency

16. There has been considerable progress in delivering a leaner, more efficient NHS estate, with a focus on disposing of properties that are in particularly poor physical condition, that fail to comply with statutory requirements and present major challenges in delivering modern clinical services. In the current year, £5 million has been generated from the sale of 17 surplus NHS properties, with the proceeds then being made available for reinvestment. Over the past 10 years, the NHS has progressed with

¹ <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=254&pid=41311>

disposals of over 242 hectares of land and 210,000 square metres of building with a disposal value of £102 million.

17. The Health Boards/Trusts performance has significantly improved in respect of energy performance. As stated net energy consumption in the NHS in Wales fell by 4.9% in 2011/12. This is due to a high commitment to energy efficiency at individual LHBs and Trusts and the continued use of CHPs.

Carbon Reduction

18. A number of measures aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the NHS in Wales have already been implemented. The progress to date has been delivered through a number of targeted national and local schemes, in support of the *Environmental Management Policy for the NHS Estate in Wales*, which has been in place since 2002.

19. In terms of current work by NHS bodies to reduce carbon emissions to contribute to the overall Welsh Government target of a 3%, reduction per year in areas of devolved competence, notable progress is being made. Each LHB and trust is in the process of establishing an Environmental Management System (EMS) which will be certified to the international standard ISO 14001. This approach means that carbon reduction will become a part of the operational fabric of the NHS. The current deadlines for achieving ISO 14001 certification are as follows:

- All major hospital sites by December 2012;
- 50% of the estate in each LHB and trust by December 2013;
- 100% of the estate by December 2014.

20. A Carbon Diagnostic (CarDio) performance management tool has been developed to allow NHS bodies to calculate their emissions on an annual basis. This has been designed to provide a simple and consistent approach across NHS Wales, allowing for benchmarking and comparisons over the coming years. The 2010-11 returns will be the baseline against which progress can be monitored.

21. The Welsh Government is also requiring all LHBs and trusts to complete an NHS Wales Emissions Reduction Tool by the end of March 2013. This will result in a programme of carbon emissions reduction schemes for each NHS organisation.

Asset Management Collaboration

22. The Welsh Government is keen to promote the need for further collaboration with other public sector bodies to improve the management and utilisation of land and buildings, and continues to work with the NHS in this regard.

23. An Evidence paper submitted to the Committee, which was approved by the Finance Minister has already provided evidence on the role and

achievements of the National Assets Working Group (NAWG), which includes NHS representatives as part of its membership. One of the NAWG's key achievements is the establishment of all Wales Public Sector Property Database (ePIMS). Of the 14, 815 public sector entries to date, approximately 869 (5%) relate to the Welsh NHS. The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Facilities Services utilise the e-PIMS database as a property management system across NHS Wales by:

- Maintaining a register of all NHS Wales freehold and leasehold interests and associated data;
- Storing electronic copies of title documents, leases, plans, etc;
- Producing up to date Summary Reports for LHB's and trusts to enable them to manage their leasehold property interests more effectively;
- Receiving email notifications of Lease Events such as break clauses and lease expiries to ensure that important deadlines are not missed;
- Notifying other public bodies via the database of surplus NHS Wales property assets; and.
- Searching the database for vacant public sector space / land when an NHS body has a requirement for additional accommodation / land.

24. In terms of furthering the collaborative asset management agenda, where bodies are co-developing, co-locating and sharing assets to provide more joined up and accessible services, the NHS has a good track record of delivery:

- Port Talbot Resource Centre includes 4 GP practices, general and community dental services, community services, local authority and third sector services. The community services include health visitors, district nursing services, podiatry, physiotherapy and early response teams.
- The recently opened Kier Hardie Health Park brings together health, well-being and social care services under one roof. It includes GP practices, the community dental unit, children's health care and mental health care and a range of therapies bringing services out of hospital and closer to patient homes. There are also proposals to extend the Park to include medical education training facilities.
- The Cylch Caron Project in Tregaron will create a single new build facility to create a flexible combination of short and long term health and social care and housing.

25. Turning to asset transfers and disposals, the Welsh NHS is an active contributor to the Welsh Government Affordable Housing Protocol with approximately £3.550 million of property being sold to date to facilitate the provision of affordable housing. These include:

Financial year	Description of site sold	Description of affordable housing enabled through Affordable Housing Protocol
2009/10	Clydach Health Centre, Swansea	14 Units Built: 11 one-bedroom flats and 3 two-bedroom flats occupied June 2012
	Sandfields Clinic, Port Talbot	8 Houses all two-bedrooms, occupied April 2012
2011/12	Aberbargoed Hospital	16 affordable units completed at end of 2012
	Caerphilly Miner's Hospital	60 Units built: 20 Shared equity, 20 Intermediate rents and 20 Social rented.
2012/13	Blaina Hospital	Received planning permission in October 2012 for the development of 21 affordable bungalows under development

Patient Involvement in Asset Management

26. Every year Community Health Councils visit each major hospital in their area as part of the Hospital Patient Environment (HPE) Programme. The five areas visited during the programme are the external area, entrances and main reception areas, common areas, wards and departments. The HPE programme focuses on the wider patient environment issues that are not covered by specific standards or frameworks. The aim is to improve things within management control rather than identifying requirements which would require investment.

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Minister for Health and Social Services



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Jocelyn Davies AM
Chair of the Finance Committee

21st March 2013

Dear Jocelyn,

Thank you for your letter of 12 March requesting further information relating to the Finance Committee's inquiry into Asset Management. Your letter followed the evidence provided by the former Health & Social Services Minister to the Finance Committee on 6 March 2013.

Capital to Revenue Transfer

A list of the projects contributing to the capital to revenue transfer is attached at Annex A.

Collaboration

The Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan sets out the need for public sector bodies to focus on the opportunities for cross cutting collaboration. *Together for Health* sets a clear direction in this regard for the NHS, as it describes the need for simplified integrated services and for the NHS to work well with all partners, including Local Government and the Third Sector, to design services around people and not organisations. *Together for Health* requires the NHS to involve its partners in planning to secure the best possible services and the best use of resources.

NHS bodies continue to be proactive in terms of identifying opportunities for and the benefits of collaboration. You have asked for further information regarding projects in development which will enhance collaboration. The Cylich Caron Project in Tregaron was described in the evidence paper, and this brings together health, social care and housing in one facility.

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Regarding other developments across Wales, the Llanrwst campus development in North Wales is on an old school site and includes a primary care centre, 40 bed extra care facility and offices for the NHS and local authority. The SA1 - Beacon Centre for Health in Swansea will include a new harbourside health centre, a dental practice, pharmacy, the Swansea University School of Medicine and Health Board services.

In terms of working with the Third Sector, we recently provided match funding to Tenovus to purchase a 2nd Mobile Cancer Support Unit. The Unit will provide cancer support services across Wales targeted where they are needed most. The Unit is taken around Wales and set up by Tenovus at agreed locations, with Local Health Boards and Velindre NHS Trust supplying the specialist nurses and making the necessary arrangements to ensure that patients receive targeted treatment closer to home.

Estatecode

This link to this guidance is shown below.

<https://publications.spaceforhealth.nhs.uk/stream.php?id=1s6rrZo6snsG68qp3R8034q1584qqA439p3j35>

Land Transfers – Legal and Financial Issues for the NHS

The Land Transfer Protocol notes that each transfer and disposal needs to take account of the relevant legal, budgetary and accounting implications for each transaction. However the principal basis of valuation should be disposal or transfer at open market value.

The relevant legal powers for the NHS are set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 of the 2006 NHS Wales Act. This states that LHBs can acquire and dispose of properties. However they need the consent of Welsh Ministers to do so for each transaction. Paragraph 14 of Schedule 3 of the Act allows trusts to do the same but no Ministerial consent is needed.

You will note that there is no mention of a valuation basis in the NHS Wales Act. This becomes relevant when we consider the requirement of the Estatecode, which is the best practice guidance issued to NHS bodies in Wales on all aspects of managing their land and property. Estatecode requires that concessionary sales should obtain Ministerial approval where the concession is greater than £100,000. However, it should be noted that this is not a legal requirement.

As discussed at the Committee evidence session, we also need to consider the financial and accounting issues. If an LHB wants to dispose of a property at less than market value, then the difference between market value and the proposed disposal proceeds under current accounting rules is recognised as a loss. This loss is recognised as part of the organisation's financial performance and it is a revenue charge. If NHS bodies are to meet their statutory financial targets, then the loss will need to be recovered from savings generated elsewhere from their operations. There is therefore the question as to whether it is appropriate for NHS bodies to have an additional financial burden placed upon them in terms of furthering the asset transfer and collaboration agenda.

The position is further complicated by the H M Treasury accounting rules regarding transfer and disposals to other bodies, which can be classed as gifts. Health bodies have fairly limited powers in their ability to gift in that they can only do so for health purposes.

Finally, if we identify that a gift is taking place, then state aid and public procurement rules may be engaged.

Disposals

Since the evidence paper was submitted, the number of disposals in 2012-13 has increased to 26, with receipts of £8.042 million generated. Further details are provided in Annex B.

The service change plans will inevitably have an impact on the number of disposals, particularly as organisations are looking to move services out of poor and inappropriate buildings into modern facilities.

Now that organisations have started to come out of consultation, the impact on the number of disposals can be better articulated, as well as considering the use of the Land Transfer Protocol.


Invest to Save

The repayable nature of the Invest to Save Fund means that it is only suitable for use in certain circumstances, namely where revenue savings are generated. As discussed at the Committee evidence session, the Invest to Save lead within the Welsh Government has recently discussed the Fund with NHS Directors of Finance, and will continue to explore the scope to access funding in the future.

With regard to NHS asset management projects, the Invest to Save Fund is already supporting Cardiff & Vale University Health Board with its "Estates Strategy and Space Utilisation Study". Funding of £41, 250 has been provided to consider the estate infrastructure required to support the Health Board's specific service strategies and operational plan. This will include a specific space utilisation exercise at the University Hospital of Wales.

The benefits of this work will be shared with other NHS bodies to inform more widely the development of NHS Estates Strategies and to promote the use of the Fund. The work will also be shared across the public service through the National Assets Working Group.

I hope the above information is helpful.



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Minister for Health and Social Services

Annex A: Capital to Revenue Transfer 2012-13

Name of LHB/Trust and scheme	Available for Transfer £m
Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board	
Strategic Critical Care Centre (SCCC)	1.157
Royal Gwent Hospital General Infrastructure	1.748
Sub Total AB	2.905
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	
HealthVison Swansea Phase 1b	0.500
Reprovision of Stores	
Reshaping Mental Health Services in Swansea Phase 8	3.340
Low Secure	
Sub Total ABM	3.840
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	
Development of Bryn y Neuadd	0.235
Ysbyty Gwynedd Accident & Emergency dept	1.250
Renal Alltwen	1.150
Llandudno Minor Injuries Unit	0.740
Llandudno Women's and Rheumatology	0.100
Sub Total BCU	3.475

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	
Llandough Elderly Mentally Infirm	0.800
Neurosciences	0.250
University Hospital of Wales remodel Emergency Care	0.550
Sub Total C&V	1.600
Cwm Taf Local Health Board	
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Prince Charles Hospital upgrades and Merthyr Health Park	1.271
Prince Charles Hospital Renal Dialysis	1.707
Merthyr Health Park Medical Education	0.584
Sub Total CT	3.562
Hywel Dda Local Health Board	
Prince Phillip Hospital Elective Short Stay	0.837
Aberaeron Community Services	0.150
Cardigan Community Services	1.684
Angiography/ pacing	0.500
Neonatal level 2 and complex obstetrics	1.500
Information Management & Technology Infrastructure	1.000
Bronglais Front of House	1.069
Withybush Renal Dialysis Unit	2.769
Energy Project	6.922
Sub Total HD	16.431
Powys teaching Health Board	
Llandrindod Wells	0.270
Newtown & Welshpool Theatres	0.090
Sub Total Powys	0.360

NHS Wales Informatics Service	
Intelligent Integrated Audit Provision	0.750
Sub Total NWIS	0.750
Velindre NHS Trust	
Velindre Redevelopment SOC	0.200
MRI Scanner Replacement	1.400
Sub Total Velindre	1.600
Welsh Ambulance Services Trust	
North East Wales Ambulance Resource Centre Works	0.350
Sub Total WAST	0.350
Sub Total	34.873

Annex B: NHS Disposals 2012-13

Organisation/ Property	Final Sale Price £
ABM UNIVERSITY LHB	
Aberkenfig Clinic	92,500
Cefn Coed Surplus land	2,640,000
Maesgwyn Hospital, Bryncethin	840,000
	3,572,500
ANEURIN BEVAN LHB	
Abergavenny – Kenfy	265,000
Blaina Hospital	125,000
Caerleon – 15 Lodge Road	120,000
Land at New Inn, Pontypool	32,000
	542,000
BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY LHB	
Dolgellau – OPD & X Ray Dept	134,500
Holywell Clinic	110,000
Llanfairfechan - Land at Nantypandy	5,000
Llangefni - Coedlys	200,000
Llangollen - Oakleigh	325,000
Llanrwst Clinic	45,000
St Asaph – H M Stanley Hospital	728,000
Land at Llanfair Harlech	27,500
	1,575,000
CARDIFF & VALE UNIVERSITY LHB	
Cardiff - Canton HC Site	400,000
Cardiff – 49 St Agatha Road Heath	204,000
Cardiff – 39 St Agnes Road Heath	195,000
Cardiff - 12 King George V Drive, Heath	202,000
Cardiff - 72 St Anthony Road Heath	225,000
Cardiff - 47 St Agatha Road Heath	226,000
Cardiff - Splott Clinic	150,000
	1,602,000
CWM TAF LHB	
Dowlais - Seymour Berry Centre	60,000
Hirwaun Health Centre	150,000
Merthyr Tydfil - Hollies Health Centre	200,000
Mountain Ash Hospital	210,000
	620,000
HYWEL DDA LHB	
Ammanford - Cartrefle	130,000
	130,000
TOTAL	8,041,500

Agenda Item 6

FIN(4) 05-13 Paper 2

Importance of property in economic development

1. There are long-standing challenges with respect to infrastructure in Wales, in particular the geography and population distribution. Economic research has identified that good infrastructure, including availability of quality land and property, together with transport and ICT, is a condition of a strong economy. Similarly, there is a very real cost to having poor infrastructure.
2. A successful economy depends on a number of elements being in place. Property is one of these being a fundamental operational requirement of all businesses from home-worker to large-scale manufacturer.
3. Suitable and available property is a key factor in decisions by inward investors in considering their location decisions. Investment promotion agencies across the world provide information on the availability of land and property for potential investors. In many cases, site and property provision form a central part of the incentive package.
4. In most competitor countries, the public sector has a strong property function and a supply of site and property availability. Like most countries, land and property markets vary greatly across Wales. There are areas where there are high levels of demand and the market delivers an appropriate and affordable property solution, in other areas, there are lower levels of demand or the market is not as developed and, therefore, not delivering the type of properties required by business.
5. The Welsh Government has wide-ranging powers to acquire, dispose, manage, develop and fund property-related activity. These powers, combined with the property assets in the Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (BETS) portfolio, provide a potent resource to support all types of business whether involving public or private sector property solutions, and to contribute to economic development and prosperity.

Rationale

6. It is important that BETS holds a range of strategic sites and premises (both in terms of location and size) capable of meeting the needs of significant or strategically important economic development projects, and also in terms of providing accommodation where the private sector is not sufficiently active.
7. There are five principal advantages:
 - **Competitiveness.** As illustrated, competitor countries promote their site and property availability as part of their investment “offer”. To compete with similar economic development organisations, BETS needs to have a similar portfolio of sites and premises available.
 - **Certainty.** In taking investment and location decisions, business wants to be confident in the supply of sites and property availability. They need early visibility

and certainty that there are solutions to meet their needs. This requires the Welsh Government to be sure that the land being promoted can be available immediately for the investment and can be promoted as part of a Welsh competitive “offer”.

- **Speed.** The ability to utilise public assets to support projects without reliance on third party ownership decisions is, and has been of critical importance in winning FDI projects. Perhaps, most notable in recent years is the delivery of the Amazon Facility in Fabian Way in Swansea, achieved within the challenging timescale set by the company. This was largely because of the ability of the public sector to put forward a site to work closely with local authority partners to ensure delivery within timescale.
 - **Flexibility.** Private sector property owners have their own criteria for disposing or letting of their property based on desired investment criteria/ returns. This is apparent in terms of both pricing and/or terms of occupation (lease length and terms, covenant strength etc). Whilst the public sector must operate within the general requirements to trade on market-value terms, it has wide discretion as to whether (and to whom) to sell, option or lease its land to meet the needs of a particular investor.
 - **Deliverability.** In many part of Wales the modern property needs of businesses are not met by the market resulting in unsatisfied occupier demand. Insufficient business accommodation may result in businesses not fulfilling their growth potential. This market failure is addressed by the Welsh Government through a focussed property team with strategic land holdings, which provide the ability to respond to specific market opportunities through direct development, support funding, and land assembly/ management activities.
8. The nature of this activity is often medium to long term in nature and benefits from careful planning. It is important therefore to have a rolling programme of investment and realisation to inform both short and long term decision making and increase longer term competitiveness.

Asset Management Principles

9. The property portfolio is managed according to the following strategic Asset Management principles:
- Policy
 - Governance and Leadership
 - Delivery Measures for Strategic Asset Management
 - Good Practice in relation to the wider public sector

Policy

10. Strategic Land is the principle asset class within the BETS portfolio. As part of the annual business planning process, the portfolio is reviewed to ensure that assets held are relevant in pursuit of economic development objectives, or other wider government objectives, and to establish those assets available for sale to support programme expenditure.

Governance and Leadership

11. A forum has been established to challenge and scrutinise proposals relating to all aspects of the property programme and in particular to ensure that project proposals meet policy, financial, compliance and best practice considerations.

Delivery Measures for Strategic Asset Management

12. A single contract delivery model for management of the whole portfolio is currently being awarded to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the property management function. This will enable the production of a comprehensive condition survey of the portfolio in due course.

Good practice by Welsh Government in relation to the wider public sector

13. BETS Officials are member of the National Assets Working Group which operates across the Welsh public sector to improve services by identifying, facilitating and supporting the delivery of efficiencies and innovation in the operation of the public estate and its corresponding assets.

Jane Hutt AM
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29 November 2012

Dear Minister,

Thank you for sending the Finance Committee a copy of the 2011-12 outturn report over the summer. We are keen to ensure our scrutiny looks at the whole financial cycle, so this is invaluable information.

Having had an opportunity to discuss the paper at our first meeting back, I am writing seeking clarification on a number of points.

1. In the Committee's second supplementary Budget 2011-12 we requested a full breakdown of additional financial support provided to LHBs during 2011-12. In your response you said you would be "happy to provide this information alongside the Written Report on final out turn".
2. We would like to see additional detail around the changes to the non-fiscal DEL
3. Could you provide further explanation of the £2.28 million revenue DEL underspend in the Central Services and Administration MEG which is stated to relate to programmes designed to contribute to longer term savings targets?
4. In relation to the £10.3 million capital DEL underspends in the Local Government and Communities MEG, £7 million is due to the transfer with BETS, to what is the remaining £3.3 million due?
5. The transfer of £7 million capital DEL from Local Government to BETS here appears to be repaid in revenue DEL in the 2012-13 supplementary budget. Does this amount to a capital to revenue DEL switch across years? And if so has this been permitted by HM Treasury?
6. Of the £92.7 million to be carried forward into 2012-13, £33.2 million is pre-allocated. Are there any plans as yet as to how the remaining £59.4 million will be utilised?

I appreciate the draft budget process will dominate all of our lives over the next couple of weeks, but I look forward to your response, and hope this will allow us to close the book on the 2011-12 financial year.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jocelyn Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

Jocelyn Davies AM
Chair, Finance Committee

Jane Hutt AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
Minister for Finance and Leader of the House



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Jocelyn Davies AM,
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8 August 2012

Dear Jocelyn,

When I last attended the Finance Committee I outlined my intention to provide a report on 2011-12 outturn as soon as was practical following the publication of the Welsh Government's Consolidated accounts.

In line with that commitment, I am enclosing a written report on outturn for 2011-12 which provides a summary of departmental expenditure alongside details of amounts carried forward under the Budget Exchange System.

I have been pleased with progress we have made in recent years towards providing greater transparency around Budget information and hope that we can continue to work together on this developing agenda.

I hope you will find this report useful and should you find it helpful I am happy for us to return to the matter following recess.

Bert Hisher,
Jane

Jane Hutt AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Second Supplementary Budget for 2011-12, was approved by the National Assembly on 6 March 2012, on an amended basis to move to a single legal expenditure limit for the Welsh Government, rather than individual legal limits for each MEG.
- 1.2 On 21 March 2012 the National Assembly for Wales endorsed the protocol on changes to the Budget motion and their impact on the in-year Budget cycle as agreed between the Welsh Government and the Committee with responsibility for the functions specified in Standing Order 19.
- 1.3 As part of the Welsh Government commitment to working openly the protocol it was agreed that:

In line with the Welsh Government's commitment to working openly and transparently, the Welsh Government will provide a written report to the Committee on final out turn. The report would include a comparison with the spending plans set out in the last Supplementary Budget of the year and an explanation of significant variations.

- 1.4 This brief report provides the final outturn position in line with this agreement.

2. Changes to 2011-12 Budgets

Changes agreed after the Second Supplementary Budget for 2011-12

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Second Supplementary Budget on 6 March 2011 only one budget transfer was agreed and made between Main Expenditure Groups (MEGs).
- 2.2 To utilise potential underspends in Local Government and Communities a capital transfer of £7m was agreed between the Local Government and Communities MEG and Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science MEG for 2011-12¹.
- 2.3 Savings and underspends identified on a number of Actions within the Local Government and Communities MEG were transferred to the Sectors Action within the Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science MEG. The £7m capital transferred supported the creation of the Life Sciences Fund. The changes are summarised in the table below.

Table 2.1 – Changes agreed after the last Supplementary Budget

SPA	ACTION	£000s		
		2012-13 Capital		
		Supplementary Budget	Changes	Revised Budget
Local Government and Communities				
Improve International Connectivity	Improve International Connectivity	48,212	-5,000	43,212
Supporting Communities and People	Community Development	14,980	-2,000	12,980
Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science				
Sectors & Business	Sectors	15,879	7,000	22,879

1. A total of £7m revenue funding was transferred from the Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science MEG to the Local Government and Communities MEG in the First Supplementary Budget for 2012-13

3. Main Expenditure Group Outturn 2011-12

3.1 The Consolidated Accounts of the Welsh Government were laid before the Assembly on 26 July 2012. These audited accounts contain a Summary of Resource Outturn against the control totals approved in the Second Supplementary Budget motion of 2011-12.

3.2 This report provides details of outturn against the controls operated by HM Treasury. These administrative budgets are detailed in the documentation and tables which supported the Second Supplementary Budget.

DEL Outturn

3.3 The outturn against the budgets within the Welsh Government's Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL) is set out by MEG at Annex 1.

3.4 Annex 1 shows underspends of £8.3m Fiscal RDEL and £10.2m Capital DEL against departmental budgets as agreed in the Second Supplementary Budget. This outturn represents an underspend of 0.06% against Fiscal RDEL and 0.73% Capital DEL. Variations greater than 1% of departmental DEL are detailed below.

Fiscal Resource

3.5 The variance of £5.8m within Central Services & Administration resulted from by lower than expected costs relating to the elections to the National Assembly and a number of underspends in other programmes designed to contribute to longer term savings targets. Although the Election Costs are charged directly to the Welsh Consolidated Fund, for administrative purposes they form part of the Central Services & Administration MEG. The underspend against Election Costs was £3.6m.

Capital

3.6 A Capital underspend of £6.5m underspend recorded against Health Social Services and Children MEG amounts to 2.1% of the allocated budget. The under spend has arisen in 2011/12 as a consequence of timing differences in the scoring of expenditure associated with the delivery of a range of NHS Trust capital schemes. The variances against Local Government and Communities and Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science relate to the decision to transfer £7m between the departments following the Second Supplementary Budget.

Non Fiscal Resource

3.7 A number of departments recorded variances against non cash budgets. These result in the main from variations on the depreciation and impairments charged against assets held by each department. These charges are heavily dependent on asset valuation which can be subject to both changes in methodology and market variations.

AME Outturn

3.8 Annex 2 to this report provides a summary of outturn against Annually Managed Expenditure (AME) Budgets.

3.9 These budgets are managed on an annual basis as HM Treasury recognise the volatility and demand led basis of these programmes. The Welsh Government are unable to recycle underspends against AME programmes.

4. Budget Exchange System

- 4.1 In the Second Supplementary Budget for 2011-12, the Welsh Government detailed £56.8m reserves of Fiscal Resource DEL. We also signalled the intention to carry forward both these reserves and any underspends up to the agreed caps under Budget Exchange. These caps are set at 0.6% of Resource DEL and 1.5% of Capital DEL
- 4.2 In line with this both the reserves from 2011/12 and the underspends detailed below are carried forward within the Treasury limits.

Table 4.1 Carry forward resulting from Welsh Government outturn

	Fiscal Resource (£000)	Non Fiscal Resource (£000)	Capital (£000)
Reserves as per Second Supplementary Budget 2011-12	56,806	-	-
2011-12 Underspends	8,331	29,536	10,160
Balance to be carried forward to 2012-13	65,137	17,367²	10,160
<i>Treasury Budget Exchange Limits</i>	<i>79,795</i>	<i>2,709</i>	<i>20,947</i>

- 4.3 The adjustments to our baseline to reflect the final amount carried forward outlined above will be made later in the financial year through the UK Supplementary Estimate process and will feature in the Second Supplementary Budget for 2012-13.
- 4.4 Of the amounts planned to be carried forward, £28.2m was allocated in the Final Budget 2012-13 and a further £5m in the First Supplementary Budget for 2012-13.

2. In the event that the limit for Fiscal Resource DEL carry forward is not fully utilised the balance can be used to carry additional Non Fiscal Resource DEL forward up to the overall cap on Resource DEL

Annex 1 – DEL Outturn 2011-12

Main Expenditure Group	Supplementary Budget			Outturn			Underspends / Overspends (-)		
	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s
Health, Social Services & Children	5,886,009	170,000	311,623	5,885,517	159,680	305,077	492	10,320	6,546
Local Government and Communities	4,734,640	125,757	287,477	4,733,667	122,142	277,173	973	3,615	10,304
Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science	177,395	3,850	118,733	177,302	3,216	125,711	93	634	- 6,978
Education & Skills	1,534,409	123,731	205,033	1,534,007	109,663	205,032	402	14,068	1
Environment Sustainable Development	260,849	1,477	73,811	260,407	1,566	73,799	442	-89	12
Housing, Regeneration & Heritage	279,414	4,432	361,049	279,367	4,102	360,987	47	330	62
Central Services & Administration	317,728	22,200	37,420	311,846	21,542	37,207	5,882	658	213
TOTAL	13,190,444	451,447	1,395,146	13,182,113	421,911	1,384,986	8,331	29,536	10,160

Annex 2 – AME Outturn 2011-12

Main Expenditure Group	Supplementary Budget			Outturn			Variance		
	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s	Fiscal Resource £000s	Non Fiscal Resource £000s	Capital £000s
Health, Social Services & Children	-	279,786	-	-	209,975	-	-	69,811	-
Local Government and Communities	14,382	45,227	-	14,382	39,957	-	-	5,270	-
Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science	-	41,402	-	-	6,962	-	-	34,440	-
Education & Skills	-	-113,645	233,043	-	-119,828	244,329	-	6,183	-11,286
Housing, Regeneration & Heritage	-72,000	2,265	-	-74,005	-	-	2,005	2,265	-
Central Services & Administration	-	-2,347	-	-	-9,240	-	-	6,893	-
TOTAL	-57,618	252,688	233,043	-59,623	127,826	244,329	2,005	124,862	-11,286



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Dear Jocelyn,

**NAW Finance Committee –Asset Management Inquiry
Evidence Hearing – 30th January 2013**

I refer to your letter dated 04 February 2013 in which you requested further information relating to your Inquiry into Asset Management.

I have set out below my responses to the various points raised.

- **Number of public buildings which may also be used as accommodation**

The information requested is not currently available. No specific residential accommodation has been recorded on ePIMS.

- **We would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate the system and its use as a strategic asset management tool to the Committee.**

A date is to be established where Sioned Evans, Deputy Director, Property Division and Richard Baker, Head of Estates, Property Division will give the requested demonstration.

- **NAWG Pilot Projects - Further information on the 9 Pilot projects and how they were selected/Progress/support provided by the Working Group**

Included in the NAWG work programme is the action to ‘support Estates pilot projects aimed at accelerating activities at three levels: corporate asset rationalisation; local area collaboration and opportunities from the use of surplus assets’. Potential to promote I2S funding was one mechanism identified to support such work, which in many cases would have fallen below the I2S threshold. Following a sector wide invitation for expressions of interest, 32 proposals were received.

These projects were assessed by NAWG against criteria commensurate with I2S requirements to demonstrate potential for collaboration, cost savings, innovation and best practice and improvement to service delivery. The 9 projects initially endorsed by NAWG are detailed below -:

Authority	Project
Blaenau Gwent Asset Review	Implementation of a new BGBC strategic asset plan, including development of a single area integrated asset plan and development of a more effective regeneration plan utilising surplus assets. I2S funding approved - £82k
Cardiff LSB Asset Review and e-PIMS Implementation	Development of a single area integrated assets plan, involving prudent lotting of surplus assets across the whole public estate commencing with Canton Pilot. I2S funding approved – £34k
Carmarthen County Council	Local Asset Review. Implementation of e-PIMS and single area assets plan. No I2S bid received.
EA/CCW/FC Pan Wales co-location	Development of a single organisation corporate assets plan in advance of new roles. No I2S bid submitted. Ambition changed/on hold following Ministerial announcement on the formation of a single environment body. Property Division are working with NRW to determine property options.
Torfaen County Council Relocation	Implementation of TCC approved move to Pontypool, £15m repair liability savings. No I2S bid submitted.
Carmarthenshire County Council – Llandovery Joint Service Centre	Development of single area asset plan, releasing surplus uses to new activity. No I2S bid submitted.
Bridgend County Borough Council and South Wales Police	Joint Vehicle Maintenance Service Project. I2S Funding approved - £30k. Not taken up.
Bridgend County Borough Council Waterton Framework Master Planning	Waterton Framework Master Planning. Development of integrated single site regeneration plan (public and private assets). No I2S bid received.
Flintshire Single Community Service	Development of local area single asset plan, releasing surplus assets to new activity. No I2S bid received.

Whilst the I2S funding was accessed by a few the projects, others found alternative solutions to achieve a positive way forward without the need to draw upon the I2S support.

In order to ensure that the opportunity to utilise the funding was taken up, two further projects were identified -:

Authority	Project
Cardiff and Vale UHB	UHB Estate Strategy and Space Utilisation Study to explore collaborative solutions, integrated facilities and operational savings. I2S funding approved - £41k
Powys County Council	Brecon Town Regeneration and Asset Review I2S funding approved - £30k

The current progress in respect of the 4 live pilot projects is as follows -:

Cardiff LSB Asset Review and e-PIMS Implementation – Review complete. Potential opportunities identified to generate capital receipts of some £174 million from surplus property and create a running cost saving of at least £7.25 million per annum from non specialist property through a rationalisation of the Administrative Estate. The LSB is seeking to integrate these opportunities alongside their Neighbourhood Management plans.

Cardiff and Vale UHB Estate: UHB Estate Strategy and Space Utilisation Study – Review has been completed and the draft report is currently being considered by the Health Board.

Blaenau Gwent Asset Review – There has been some delay to the progress on the review due to a reorganisation. A stakeholder engagement workshop was held at the beginning of January 2013 with a view to establishing buy-in and agree membership of partner organisations. The review will commence shortly.

Powys County Council: Brecon Town Regeneration and Asset Review – The review has been completed and Powys has an ambitious project to deliver major new facilities in Brecon, consolidate its staff, collaborate with partners and rationalise its properties through development of a Local Asset Backed Vehicle (LABV).

A further bid has since been submitted by Powys Council for additional I2S funding. The initial phase of the LABV is focused on Brecon generating future capital receipts to facilitate the £8M Museum / Library Project that will act as a cultural hub - designed to allow the addition of the PCC Archives, The Military Museum etc. This cultural hub will act as a significant tourism attraction, creating construction jobs and forming a sustainable future for Brecon. By utilising a LABV a potential £7.0m of receipts to Powys CC can be achieved; with high levels of inward investment to follow with employment value to the local economy over 10 years of between £77m to £133m.

This will be the first LABV established in Wales and the NAWG will ensure that the lessons are shared across the wider public sector.

During the summer, the NAWG will contact the original pilot projects that have not sought support to see if there is anything further required and if not, to move them on so that new projects can be identified.

More generally, the NAWG continues to support and monitor projects through the provision of advice on project arrangements and governance, establishing and maintaining stakeholder engagement, ensuring that lessons are captured and that best practice is shared across the wider public sector,

- **PSLG response to PAC Report -A note on how the PSLG is addressing the recommendation made by the Public Accounts Committee in its report 'A Picture of Public Services' to identify and promote examples of good practice from the emergency services to deliver services within budget, make good use of collaboration, and deliver transformational change.**

The Police and Fire & Rescue Services are strongly engaged in the national work programmes and the regional leadership networks of the Public Service Leadership Group and through the Partnership Council for Wales. Their participation is essential to encourage learning across the public service but also to ensure they contribute when redesigning and integrating services to better meet people's needs.

To provide an example of this collaborative approach, as part of the Effective Services for Vulnerable Groups national programme Gwent Police have championed a multi-agency project to establish a better way of responding to children and young people who repeatedly go missing. If the pilot of a multi-agency safeguarding hub (the "HUB") in Gwent is successful the new approach will be considered for roll out to other parts of Wales and to other areas of Safeguarding and Public Protection.

Furthermore, the police are also using their experiences to play a leading role on the regionalisation of, and development of a multi-agency approach for, emergency planning services across Wales. The benefits and efficiencies realised by South Wales Police through the application of lean / systems thinking are a particular example that others across public services can and should learn from. To this end, South Wales Police shared these experiences at a pan-public service 'Lean Practitioners' network event in April 2012 arranged as part of the work under the PSLG's Organisational Development and Simpson Implementation work programme. Further events are planned for 2013.

- **Further information on future forecasts of the number of properties in the Welsh Government's administrative estate.**

As at 31 January 2013, there were a total of 38 offices on the administrative estate (plus 8 specialist sites). This compares to a total of 65 offices and 10 specialist sites in April 2010. The estate will continue to reduce in size, and improve in quality, and current plans will see the estate reduce down to a total of 34 offices (plus 8 specialist properties) by April 2013, with further mapped estate rationalisation through to 2015 - as detailed within the original evidence paper.

- **e-PIMS -The Committee would be grateful for a note on the proportion of the public sector in Wales which is signed up to and utilising ePIMS, how to access ePIMS, and who can do so.**

Statistics identifying the total number of property holdings held by the entire public sector in Wales are not held centrally. It is therefore not possible to provide an absolute proportion of properties held compared to those registered on e-PIMS. However, we can provide information by sector based on our engagement.

e-PIMS currently contains circa 15,000 entries for assets held by the public sector in Wales. All assets held in the name of Welsh Ministers are included along with Welsh Government sponsored bodies. All UK central Government property is included as the UK Government mandates departments to hold data on e-PIMS. NHS Wales's assets are captured and the system is used by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Facilities Services (formerly Welsh Health Estates) as their principal estate management database. Similarly, the emergency services sectors are included covering Police, Fire & Rescue along with the Ambulance trust. At Annex 1 is a figure showing percentage of property recorded by sector.

All 22 Unitary Authorities are signed up to use e-PIMS. Ceredigion and Caerphilly are the only authorities yet to add any property information on the database.

Annex 2 provides a departmental/organisational summary of the number of holdings recorded on e-PIMS.

e-PIMS is a web based system available to registered users through the internet. The system is password protected with each user provided with a personalised user ID. There are no plans to give unrestricted access to non registered users or members of the public. Controlled wider access to the meeting room platform can be made available through a public sector organisation's own internal web (INTRANET).

Organisations that require staff to have access are requested to enter into a user agreement with Welsh Government which mirrors that in place between WG and UK Cabinet Office. Once signed, there is no restriction on the number of users within that organisation that can have access to e-PIMS.

Access is generally set at one of two levels, view only (users can view all e-PIMS "lite" data across Wales) or amend rights - where registered users can make changes to property data within their organisation.

The UK Government has recently extended the **FindMeSomeGovernmentSpace** (FMSGs) portal to include a stand alone platform for government properties which are "TO LET" or "FOR SALE" which is open to the public to view. While this portal runs alongside ePIMS, it is accessible without having to register to ePIMS.

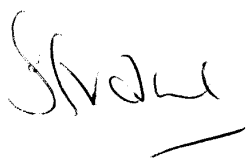
- **Land Transfer Protocol and Standardised documents -In your evidence, you stated that the updated protocol and standard documentation would be completed by April/May 2013. We would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an update on this, with regard to changes in the protocol - specifically in relation to the financial hurdles that you raised in proceedings**
- Questionnaires have recently been issued to all those organisations that have used the Land Transfer Protocol, seeking their feedback on the protocol and inviting suggestions for improvements to the process. We are still analysing the responses and emerging comments indicate that the protocol has, so far, worked well. Comments received acknowledge that this earlier engagement between parties is beneficial, especially when there is clear advice for participants to share their

emerging property strategies and service plans. Conversely, it is recognized that complex valuations may require further investigation before terms can be agreed between the parties and that supplementing the Land Transfer Protocol with some standard documentation will assist in respect of co-location agreements.

Once our analysis is complete, the intention is to reflect suggestions in a revised protocol and issue new guidance. This will be disseminated across the wider public sector through the NAWG within the timescales previously indicated.

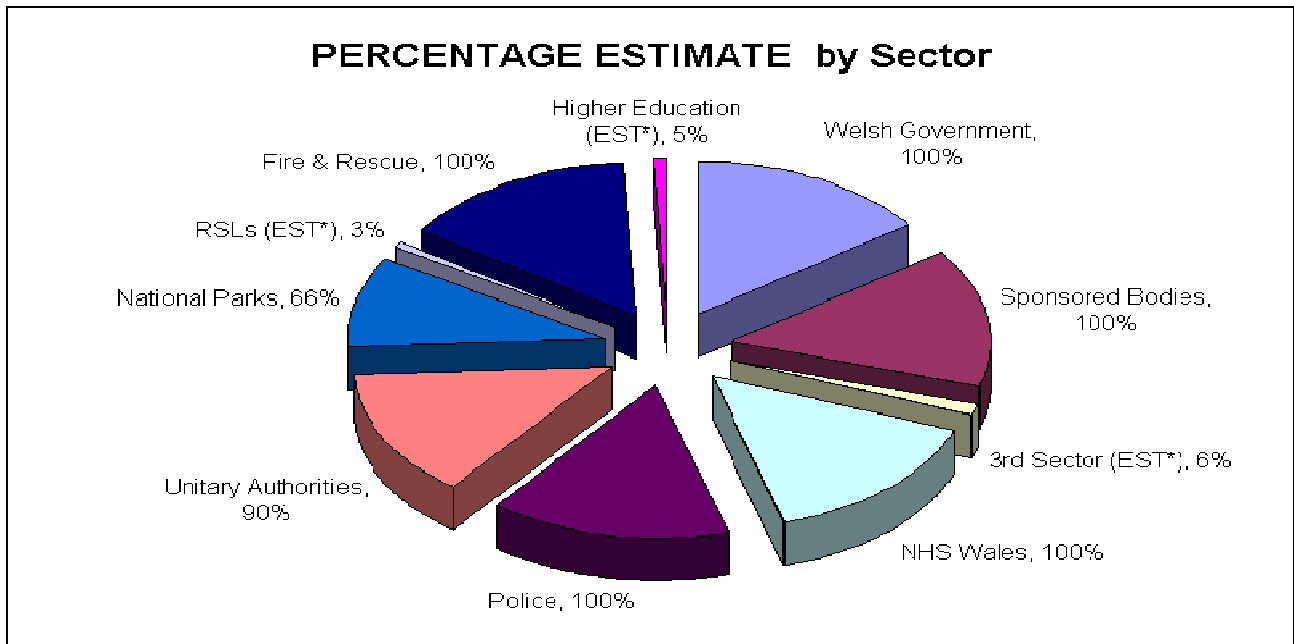
I hope that this additional evidence answers any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,



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DATA CAPTURE



- Percentage based on number of organisations within that sector who have recorded data on ePIMS.
- The percentage for RSLs, Third Sector and Education can only be considered approximate estimates at this time.

Number of holdings recorded on ePIMS per Department/Organisation

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
DYFED-POWYS POLICE	85
GWENT POLICE	76
MID & WEST WALES FIRE & RESCUE	76
NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE	48
NORTH WALES POLICE	78
SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE	53
SOUTH WALES POLICE	117
	533

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
ABERTAWE BRO MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HB	136
ANEURIN BEVAN HB	90
BETSI CADWALADAR UNIVERSITY HB	167
CARDIFF & VALE HB	86
CWM TAF HB	39
HYWEL DDA HB	83
POWYS TEACHING HB	71
PUBLIC HEALTH WALES	27
VELINDRE TRUST	41
WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE	112
WELSH HEALTH COMMUNITY COUNCILS	17
	869

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
BANGOR UNIVERSITY	22
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	264
COLEG MORGANNWG	1
PEMBROKESHIRE COLLEGE	1
UNIVERSITY OF GLAMORGAN	4

CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	55
	347

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	1146
BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	429
BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK	0
BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	966
CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	1
CARDIFF CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL	1074
CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	1166
CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL	3
CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA	596
CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	892
DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	472
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	473
GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCIL	1075
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	715
MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNCIL	391
NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	398
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL	292
PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK	74
PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	184
POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL	256
RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	544
SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK	92
TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	507
VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL	396
WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL	293
	12435

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
WGSB - CONSTRUCTING EXCELLENCE WALES	1
WG - CADW	83
WG - ROYAL COMMISSION FOR HISTORIC MONUMENTS WALES	1
WG - CORE ADMINISTRATIVE ESTATE	48
WG - ESTYN	1
WG - FORESTRY COMMISSION WALES	34
WG - HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING COUNCIL WALES	1
WG - TRANSPORT WALES	126
WG - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE	2

WGSB - COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES	9
WGSB - NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES	1
WGSB - ARTS COUNCIL FOR WALES	3
WGSB - CARE COUNCIL FOR WALES	3
WGSB - NATIONAL MUSEUM WALES	9
WGSB - SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES	3
WG - BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE	252
WGSB - WALES CENTRE FOR HEALTH	1
WGSB - WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER	3
	581

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
NAWC - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES COMMISSION	3
	3

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
WG- Coastal housing	0
WG-RCT Homes	92
	92

Property Centre Name	Num Holdings
BRIDGEND AVO	1
GWENT AVO	0
GWYNEDD VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS	78
POWYS AVO	0
VOLUNTARY ACTION MERTHYR	1
SWANSEA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION	0
	80

Town / Community Councils	Num Holdings
DYFFRYN CENNEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL	2
LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL	4
LLANSTEFFAN & LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL	1
NEWCHURCH & MERTHYR COMMUNITY COUNCIL	5
PEMBREY & BURRY PORT TOWN COUNCIL	6
	18

TOTAL.

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Dear Chair

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Supplementary Estimate

I am writing to you in accordance with Standing Order 20.36.

In my budget estimate for 2013/14, which was approved by the National Assembly for Wales, I included provision in respect of pensions. Due to the way that this has to be reported by the Welsh Government it appears in the Supplementary Estimate and indicates a reduction of £30,000 in the Annually Managed Expenditure (AME) for the 2012/13 financial year. My budget estimate for 2013/14 took account of the £30,000 reduction, which arose as a result from changes to earlier forecasts in relation to pension commitments.

Although this was reflected in my budget estimate for 2013/14 the current Supplementary Budget Motion laid before the National Assembly for Wales in February 2013 formalises this change and therefore I am required to submit this explanatory note in accordance with the Standing Orders. I do however stress that this is not a request for additional resources or for an increase in the cash requirement above my budget estimate submission in October 2012.

Yours sincerely



Peter Tyndall
Ombudsman

Finance Committee

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1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Ieuan Wyn Jones.

2. Financial implications of the establishment of Natural Resources Wales

2.1 The Chair welcomed Emyr Roberts, Chief Executive, Natural Resources Wales; and Kevin Ingram, Executive Director designate, Finance and Corporate Services, Natural Resources Wales.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses on the financial implications of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order.

Action point:

Natural Resources Wales agreed to provide:

- Further clarification on savings made from the delivery of a converged ICT solution and how those savings will be quantified (Once these figures are available at the end of March 2013).

2.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Environment and Sustainability outlining key issues raised from this evidence session.

3. Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted that minutes of the previous meeting.

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