

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.19 – 11.55

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.



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2 Papers to note

2 The papers were noted.

2.1 The Committee agreed to write back to the Welsh Government in order to seek a substantive response to its initial letter of 14 December 2023.

2.2 Adam Price MS declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

He is a Senedd Commissioner.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write back to the Welsh Government seeking clarification on some of the issues raised in their response.

2.1 Letter from the Welsh Government's Chief Operating Officer's Group on Public Appointments

2.2 Senedd Commission response to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee report on the Scrutiny of Accounts 2022–23

2.3 Letter from the Director General of the Economy, Treasury and Constitution Group of the Welsh Government on Gilestone Farm and the Osprey Conservation Plan

2.4 Letter from the Director General of the Economy, Treasury and Constitution Group of the Welsh Government on Amgueddfa Cymru

2.5 Letter from the Welsh Government's Minister for Health and Social Services on the Oversight and Escalation Framework

2.6 Welsh Government response to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22

3 Evidence Session with the Welsh Government – Covering Teachers' Absence

3.1 The Members questioned the witnesses as part of the Committee's inquiry into Covering Teachers' Absence.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting and Item 1 of the Committee's meeting on Thursday 7 March 2024

4.1 The motion was agreed.

(Break)

5 Consideration of the evidence received – Covering Teachers' Absence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to Estyn to seek their views in relation to the Committee's inquiry on Covering Teachers' Absence.

6 Consideration of the Welsh Governments response to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee's report on the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22 – Next Steps

6.1 The Committee further considered the response to the report and agreed to write back to the Welsh Government to seek further information.