

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: Wednesday, 23 October 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.00

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government Bethan Webb, Deputy Director, Cymraeg 2050, Welsh Government Joanne Corke, Head of Research, Education, Social Justice and Welsh Language Group, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Manon Jones (Researcher)



Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:
Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 16 October 2024**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Petition's Committee: Petition P-06-1403 Reconsider cuts to Postgraduate funding and increase Doctoral Loans to match UKRI Stipend – 16 October 2024**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report recommendations – 18 October 2024**

3 Financial implications of the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the financial implications of Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government; Bethan Webb, Deputy Director, Cymraeg 2050, Welsh Government; and Joanne Corke, Head of Research, Education, Social Justice and Welsh Language Group, Welsh Government.

3.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide the following:

- Clarification on the cost of late immersion education and when in the appraisal period these costs will fall.
- A note on any financial support for the provision of Welsh language learning outside of schools, in particular, within youth services.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting.

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Financial implications of the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.

7 Consideration of the financial implications of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on the financial implications of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to request further information on the financial implications of the Bill.