

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.17

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Tom Nicholls, Chief Economist, Welsh Treasury Ceri Greenall, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Welsh Treasury Mark Isherwood MS, Member in Charge of the Bill Martin Jennings, Senedd Research, Senedd Commission Gareth Rogers, Bill Manager, Senedd Commission
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher)



At its meeting on 18 September 2025, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – Pre-budget scrutiny: Chief Economist

1.1 The Committee received a pre-budget technical briefing from Thomas Nicholls, Chief Economist, Welsh Government; and Ceri Greenall, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Welsh Government.

Break

Public

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. There was no substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

3 Financial implications of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the financial implications of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill from Mark Isherwood MS, Member in Charge of the Bill; Gareth Rogers, Bill Manager, Senedd Commission; and Martin Jennings, Senedd Research, Senedd Commission.

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 British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

**6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – Pre–budget scrutiny –
Chief Economist: Consideration of evidence**

The Committee considered the evidence received.

**7 Post–legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act
2019: Consideration of draft report**

7.1 The Committee considered its draft report and agreed it with no changes.