

## Agenda – Finance Committee

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

For further information contact:

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Committee Clerk

Meeting date: 22 October 2025

0300 200 6388

Meeting time: 09.30

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### Registration

(09.00–09.15)

### Private pre-meeting

(09.15–09.30)

### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

### 2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

#### 2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Business Committee – Review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: publication of pre-introduction Bills – 10 October 2025

(Pages 1 – 2)

### 3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 2

(09.30–11.00)

(Pages 3 – 76)

David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)

Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)

Supporting document:

[Consultation response pack](#)



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- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**  
(11.00)
- 5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Consideration of evidence**  
(11.00–11.15)
- 6 British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report**  
(11.15–11.30) (Pages 77 – 96)
- 7 Update on changes to the Budget Protocol and related procedures**  
(11.30–11.45) (Pages 97 – 100)

**Delyth Jewell MS**Chair, Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International  
Relations Committee**Andrew RT Davies MS**

Chair, Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

**Peredur Owen Griffiths MS**

Chair, Finance Committee

**Mike Hedges MS**

Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

10 October 2025

Dear Chairs,

**Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: publication of pre-introduction Bills**

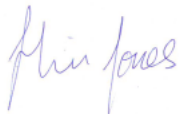
As you know, the Business Committee is reviewing the Senedd's processes relating to Public Bills. This includes matters relating to Bill timetabling, and, in particular, the Welsh Government's recent practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills introduced during Year 5 of the Sixth Senedd.

As Committees that are involved in the Stage 1 (or Initial Consideration) scrutiny of the Bills that have been published in accordance with this practice, we would welcome your views. For example:

1. Whether the publication of the Bill prior to its formal introduction was useful.
2. Whether it enabled you to take any decisions or carry out any activities that you would otherwise have been unable to.
3. Whether there were any associated disadvantages, limitations or risks.
4. Whether future Welsh Governments should be encouraged to continue the practice of publishing Bills prior to formal introduction.

We would be grateful if you could send your response to [SeneddBusiness@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddBusiness@senedd.wales) by Friday 14 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin Jones', is positioned above a faint, light blue circular watermark that contains the text 'Senedd Cymru' and 'Welsh Parliament'.

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS  
Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



# Agenda Item 3

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