

Agenda – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 2 Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 22 January 2026

Meeting time: 09.15

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Private pre-meeting (09.00 – 09.15)

Public meeting (09.15 – 11.05)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.15)

2 Paper to note

(09.15 – 09.30)

2.1 Letter from the Chief Executive and Chair of Industry Wales to the Chairs of the Finance Committee and Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding Industry Wales – 2024–25 Audit Opinion and Reflections on the 2023–24 Disclaimer

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Break (09.30 – 09.35)

3 Covering Teachers' Absence: evidence session with Welsh Government

(09.35 – 11.05)

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Emma Williams, Director General of Education, Culture and the Welsh Language – Welsh Government



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Georgina Haarhoff, Director of Education – Welsh Government
Christopher Warner, Deputy Director of School Practitioner Division – Welsh Government

Research Brief

4 Motion to elect a temporary Chair under Standing Order 17.22 for the meeting on Wednesday 4 February 2026

(11.05)

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

(11.05)

Private meeting (11.05 – 12.15)

6 Covering Teachers' Absence: consideration of evidence

(11.05 – 11.20)

7 COVID–19: consideration of key issues with Dr Simon Williams, Independent Expert Advisor

(11.20 – 12.00)

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Dr Simon Williams, Independent Expert Advisor

Key issues paper

8 SLCM on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill

(12.00 – 12.15)

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Legal advice note