

# Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 29 January 2026

0300 200 6565

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

(Pages 1 – 19)

### 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Gender Budgeting – 19 January 2026

(Pages 20 – 22)

### 2.2 PTN 2 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report – 23 January 2026

(Pages 23 – 45)

## 3 Pre-nomination Hearing – Auditor General for Wales

(09.30 – 10.30)

(Pages 46 – 60)

Catherine Mealing-Jones – Preferred Candidate for Auditor General for Wales

Paper 1 – Curriculum Vitae for Catherine Mealing-Jones



- 4 **Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**  
(10.30)
- 5 **Pre-nomination Hearing – Auditor General for Wales:  
Consideration of hearing**  
(10.30 – 10.45)
- 6 **The Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Act 2017 (Amendments to Schedule 5) Regulations 2026**  
(10.45 – 11.00) (Pages 61 – 63)  
**Supporting documents:**  
[The Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes \(Wales\) Act 2017 \(Amendments to Schedule 5\) Regulations 2026](#)  
  
[Explanatory memorandum](#)
- 7 **The Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Relief for Acquisitions Involving Multiple Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 2026**  
(11.00 – 11.15) (Pages 64 – 65)  
**Supporting documents**  
[The Land Transaction Tax \(Modification of Relief for Acquisitions Involving Multiple Dwellings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2026](#)  
  
[Explanatory Memorandum](#)