

# Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 11 December 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:30 – 11:57**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Jocelyn Davies (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Christine Chapman**  
**Paul Davies**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Ann Jones**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**Simon Thomas**

### Witnesses:

**Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills**  
**Chris Jones, Welsh Government**  
**Neil Surman, Welsh Government**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Anne Thomas (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

1.2 The Committee congratulated Peter Black AM on winning AM of the year award.

## **2 Inquiry into Higher Education Funding: Evidence from the Minister for Education and Skills**

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Education and Skills on higher education funding.

## **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Higher Education Funding: Additional information from the Open University Wales

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

## **5 Inquiry into Higher Education Funding: Consideration of Evidence Received**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the inquiry and asked the clerks to obtain additional information on:

- Student loan book
- Number of AAB/ABB students enrolling at Welsh universities
- Write to the Chief Scientific Adviser regarding funding for research

## **6 Enterprise Zones: Consideration of Committee Report**

6.1 The report was considered and a number of amendments were suggested. Members agreed to consider the changes out of Committee.

6.2 Members noted the intention to publish the report before Christmas and agreed to request a plenary debate.

## **7 Forward Work Programme: Spring 2014**

7.1 The forward work programme was considered and noted.