

Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 17 October 2013**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 12:30**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Byron Davies
Keith Davies
Alun Ffred Jones
Eluned Parrott
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport
Tim James, Welsh Government
Rob Hunter, Welsh Government
Mark Langman, Network Rail
James Price, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Olga Lewis (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Andrew Minnis (Researcher)
Ben Stokes (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Julie James AM, Rhun ap Iorwerth AM and David Rees AM. There were no substitutions.

2 Inquiry into the Future of the Wales and Borders Rail Franchise (evidence session) (9:40–10.20)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the representatives of Network Rail

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2014–15: Economy, Transport and Science (10:30–12:30)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport Edwina Hart AM.

2.2 The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport agreed to provide the following information:

Economy:

– The Minister offered to provide 6-monthly updates on progress against Programme for Government commitments, which will also include information on the number of jobs created, safeguarded and assisted by the department and information on the number of inward investment jobs actually delivered by the department (as opposed to the wider UKTI figures based on announcements).

– The Minister offered to provide a note on how she has considered the equality impacts of the sectors policy, particularly with respect to the gender imbalances within the priority sectors.

– The Minister offered to give further consideration to what improvements could be made by her department on Equality Impact Assessment, including a note on her Department's approach to assessing the equality and sustainable development impacts of its actions.

Transport:

– How capital allocations for sustainable travel relate to the delivery of the Active Travel Bill.

- Clarification of whether the “effective doubling” of the funding for Community Transport includes funding previously allocated for the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the following supporting documents:

EBC(4)-38-13(p5) – Letter from Jocelyn Davies AM to Nick Ramsay and Annex (e)

EBC(4)-38-13(p6) - Six Months Updates - Rail Priorities, M4, Transport Priorities and Commitments