

# Public Accounts Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 6 May 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 10.32**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar AM (Chair)**  
**Jocelyn Davies AM (In place of Alun Ffred Jones AM)**  
**William Graham AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Aled Roberts AM**  
**Sandy Mewies AM**

### Witnesses:

**Mark Jones, Chair, Colegau Cymru**  
**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office**

### Committee Staff:

**Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)**

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## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Health Finances 2012–13 and Beyond: Consideration of response from the Welsh Government**

3.1 The Committee considered the response from the Welsh Government and noted that it did not provide information on the cost of pay protection in NHS Wales (Recommendation 12). Members asked the Auditor General to look at this issue in the further work he has undertaken to do.

## **4 Senior Management Pay: Evidence Session 5**

4.1 The Committee questioned Mark Jones, Principal Gower College & Chair Colegau Cymru, on Senior Management Pay.

4.2 Mark Jones agreed to send the following information:

- Further detail on how the figures for St David's Catholic College and Coleg Gwent were reached
- What constitutes a 'benefit in kind'
- Latest benchmark report from the Association of Colleges

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 Senior Management Pay: Consideration of evidence received**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6.2 Members asked that the Research Service and /or the WAO consider whether the merging of colleges has led to a step up in principals's pay.

## **7 Covering Teachers' Absence: Consideration of draft report**

7.1 Subject to a minor change, Members agreed the draft report.