

# Enterprise and Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 29 January 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.15 – 14.30**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**William Graham AM (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw AM**  
**Jeff Cuthbert AM**  
**Keith Davies AM**  
**Rhun ap Iorwerth AM**  
**Eluned Parrott AM**  
**Joyce Watson AM**  
**Suzy Davies AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Daisy Cole, Older People's Commissioner for Wales**  
**Graeme Francis, Age Cymru**  
**David Pugh, Prime Cymru**  
**Hayley Ridge-Evans, Prime Cymru**  
**Huw Thomas, Jobcentre Plus**  
**Iwan Williams, Older People's Commissioner for Wales**

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### Committee Staff:

**Christopher Warner (Clerk)**  
**Claire Morris (Clerk)**  
**Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Anne Thomas (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### **1 Briefing Session on the Inquiry (in private)**

1.1 The new inquiry into Employment Opportunities for People Over 50 was introduced to Members.

### **2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

2.1 Apologies were received from Gwenda Thomas, Dafydd Elis-Thomas and Byron Davies. Suzy Davies substituted for Byron Davies for part of the meeting.

### **3 Office of the Older People's Commissioner**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Iwan Williams and Daisy Cole.

3.2 The Office of the Older People's Commissioner agreed to send suggestions with regards to how a scheme similar to the current Jobs Growth Wales programme for people over 50 could be structured and funded.

### **4 Jobcentre Plus**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Thomas.

4.2 Jobcentre Plus agreed to provide the following information:

- further information and any statistics on the guaranteed interview scheme.
- statistics on the on-flows and off-flows to Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) for people over 50.
- any available information on the number of DWP/JCP sanctions to people over 50.
- a copy of the resources pack used by their work coaches.
- look into the position of a small business owner who may choose to close their own, failing, business in respect of the benefits system.

### **5 Age Alliance and Age Cymru**

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Graeme Francis, David Pugh and Hayley Ridge-Evans.

5.2 Prime Cymru agreed to provide suggestions with regards to how a scheme similar to the current Jobs Growth Wales programme for people over 50 could be structured and funded.

### **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

## **7 Draft Report on Assisting Young People into Work**

7.1 The Committee discussed the draft report on Assisting Young People into Work.

## **8 Papers to note**

8.1 Follow-up Inquiry into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Skills: Response from the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology to the letter from the Chair on 27 November

8.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.