

Enterprise and Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 17 June 2015**

Meeting time: **09.15 – 12.10**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

William Graham AM (Chair)
Mick Antoniw AM
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Jeff Cuthbert AM
Keith Davies AM
Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM
Rhun ap Iorwerth AM
Eluned Parrott AM
Joyce Watson AM

Witnesses:

Jane Hutt AM, The Minister for Finance and Government Business
Howard Allaway, Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales HEPCW
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Dr Rachel Bowen, Federation of Small Businesses Wales
Christopher Chapman, Welsh Local Government Association
Gareth Coles, Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Iestyn Davies, Federation of Small Businesses Wales
Rhodri Jones, Wales Construction Federation Alliance
Mark Roscrow, NHS Shared Services Partnership
Kerry Stephens, Value Wales
Nick Sullivan, Value Wales

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)

Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)

Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)

Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Thomas AM.

2 Public Procurement

2.1 Dr Rachel Bowen, Iestyn Davies, Gareth Coles and Rhodri Jones answered questions from Members of the Committee.

3 Public Procurement

3.1 Christopher Chapman, Mark Roscrow and Howard Allaway answered questions from Members of the Committee.

4 Public Procurement

4.1 Jane Hutt AM, the Minister for Finance and Government Business, Kerry Stephens, Nick Sullivan and Jeff Andrews answered questions from Members of the Committee.

4.2 The Minister for Finance and Government Business agreed to provide the following:

- A note on the implications of the new general designation for public procurement that the Welsh Government has secured from the UK Government.
- The Minister offered to respond in writing to Mohammad Asghar's question about whether the NHS could save money by upgrading expensive machinery, rather than replacing it when relatively new, but obsolete due to technological advances.