

# Enterprise and Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 23 April 2015**

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Meeting time: **13.15 – 14.44**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**William Graham AM (Chair)**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM (In place of Mick Antoniw AM)**  
**Mike Hedges AM (In place of Jeff Cuthbert AM)**  
**Keith Davies AM**  
**Rhun ap Iorwerth AM**  
**Eluned Parrott AM**  
**David Rees AM (In place of Gwenda Thomas AM)**  
**Joyce Watson AM**

### Witnesses:

**Edwina Hart AM, The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**  
**Professor Dylan Jones–Evans, University of the West of England**  
**Robert Lloyd Griffiths, Institute of Directors**

### Committee Staff:

**Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk)**  
**Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)**  
**Rachel Jones (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Ben Stokes (Researcher)**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Byron Davies AM and Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM. Mike Hedges AM substituted for Jeff Cuthbert AM, Jenny Rathbone AM substituted for Mick Antoniw AM and David Rees AM substituted for Gwenda Thomas AM.

### 2 Development Bank for Wales – Ministerial Scrutiny

2.1 Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, Robert Lloyd Griffiths and Rob Hunter answered questions from Members of the Committee.

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

- Further information on the implications of and vehicles for accessing funding from EIB.
- Further information on discussions with the UK Government about devolving a Barnett share of the funding for the British Business Bank to Wales.

### 3 Papers to note

3.1 A feasibility study into the creation of a Development Bank for Wales

3.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

3.2 Additional information from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport regarding business rates following 11 March 2015 meeting

3.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

3.3 Letter from Julie James to William Graham regarding STEM skills

3.3.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

3.4 Leaflet provided by British Gas regarding apprenticeships

3.4.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.