

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

**Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: Tuesday, 23 February  
2016

Meeting time: 09.04 – 10.53

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Darren Millar AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Mike Hedges AM Sandy Mewies AM Julie Morgan AM Jenny Rathbone AM Aled Roberts AM Alun Ffred Jones AM (In place of Jocelyn Davies AM)
Witnesses:	Sir Derek Jones, Welsh Government Gawain Evans, Welsh Government Peter Kennedy, Welsh Government David Richards, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Huw Vaughan Thomas (Auditor General for Wales)



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## Transcript

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### **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jocelyn Davies. Alun Ffred Jones substituted.

### **2 Papers to note**

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.1 **Committee Correspondence: Letter from Harriet Harman, Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights (27 January 2016)**

### **3 Grants Management in Wales: 2015 Welsh Government Annual Report**

- 3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Permanent Secretary on the Welsh Government's Annual Report on Grants Management.

### **4 Ways of Working: Discussion with the Welsh Government's Permanent Secretary on the work of the Committee in the Fourth Assembly**

- 4.1 The Committee discussed and reflected on its work during the Fourth Assembly with the Permanent Secretary of the Welsh Government and looked ahead to the Fifth Assembly.
- 4.2 The Permanent Secretary agreed to explore further whether HEFCW receives financial information from universities during the year that raises concerns among the Welsh Government.

### **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 Grants Management in Wales: Consideration of evidence received**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary with some recommendations to further improve future Annual Grant Management Reports.

## **7 Ways of Working: Consideration of evidence received**

7.1 Members discussed the comments made by the Permanent Secretary.