

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 14 July 2016

Meeting time: 09.32 – 12.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Nick Ramsay AM Steffan Lewis AM Mark Reckless AM Eluned Morgan AM Mike Hedges AM
Witnesses:	Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Matthew Richards Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Repa Antonio, Welsh Government Andrew Hewitt, Welsh Government Sean Bradley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Gerallt Roberts (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)



1 Consideration of legal advice in relation to Section 7, Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

1.1 The Committee received legal advice from Commission staff in relation to Section 7 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies were received from David Rees AM.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

4 Consideration of Section 7, Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

4.1 The Committee considered the position with the regard to remuneration of the Auditor General for Wales and noted the Chief Executive and Clerk had consulted with the First Minister. The Committee resolved that remuneration arrangements for the Auditor General for Wales should remain as specified in his current terms and conditions.

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 Briefing on the Land Transaction Tax Bill

6.1 The Committee received a briefing from: Georgina Haarhoff – Head of Tax Policy and Legislation, Welsh Government; Repa Antonio – Land Transaction Tax Project Manager, Welsh Government; Andrew Hewitt – Land Transaction Tax Policy Manager, Welsh Government; and Sean Bradley – Senior Lawyer, Welsh Government; on the Land Transaction Tax Bill.

7 Consideration of the approach to scrutiny of the draft budget

7.1 The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget for 2017–18.

7.2 The Committee agreed to hold a public consultation on proposals for the draft budget to steer the Committee's scrutiny, to be held over the Summer Recess.

8 Consideration of provisional Autumn Term work programme

8.1 The Committee agreed its work programme for the Autumn Term.

8.2 The Committee agreed to publish its work programme on its webpages.

9 Consideration of draft letter to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in relation to the Wales Bill

9.1 The Committee agreed the letter to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.