

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

**Pierhead Building, Pierhead Street, CF99**

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Meeting date: Monday, 12 September

2016

Meeting time: 12.30 – 17.00

## Informal

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Sir Derek Jones, Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Government, and his two Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Owen Evans (Education and Public Services Group) and James Price, (Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group).
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales and key Wales Audit Staff.
- 1.4 There were no apologies.

## **2 Discussion of Early Business: Assembly Commission Staff**

- 2.1 The Clerking Team gave a presentation on the Committee's ways of working.

## **3 Discussion of Early Business: Auditor General for Wales/Wales Audit Office**

- 3.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave a presentation on the role of the Auditor General for Wales and the Wales Audit office.

## **4 Discussion of Early Business: Undertaking Committee Inquires**

- 4.1 The Clerking Team gave a presentation on how the Committee conducts inquires. This session was facilitated by Kate Faragher from Bespokeskills.

## **5 Discussion of Early Business: Research Service**

- 5.1 Martin Jennings from the Assembly's Research Service gave a presentation on how the previous Committee approached the annual account scrutiny work.

## **6 Discussion of Early Business: Conclusion**

6.1 Members discussed the various presentations they had received.