

Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 13 July 2011**

Meeting time: **10: – 12:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Andrew RT Davies (Chair)
Byron Davies
Keith Davies
Julie James
Alun Ffred Jones
William Powell
David Rees
Ken Skates
Joyce Watson
Leanne Wood

Witnesses:

Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills
Jeff Cuthbert, Deputy Minister for Skills
Emyr Roberts, Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills
Owen Evans, Higher Education & Lifelong Learning Group
Carl Sargeant, Minister for Local Government and Communities
Jeff Collins, Director, Infrastructure Group
Tim James, Deputy Director, Networks & Planning

Committee Staff:

Meriel Singleton (Clerk)
Ryan Bishop (Deputy Clerk)

1. Apologies and Substitutions (10:00 – 10:05)

1.1 The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were no apologies.

2. Ministerial Scrutiny Session : Education and Skills (10:05 – 11:00)

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Education and Skills, the Deputy Minister for Skills and their officials to the meeting. Members questioned the Ministers.

2.2 The Ministers agreed to provide further information on:

- Further data on the gender split for involvement in construction
- An update report on the 18 actions in the Youth Engagement and Employment Action Plan 2011–2015
- Information on the rates of drop outs for Apprenticeships.

3. Ministerial Scrutiny Session : Transport (11:00 – 12:00)

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Local Government and Communities; and his officials to the meeting. Members questioned the Minister.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide further information on:

- Changes to the evaluation and monitoring of transport projects to control overspends
- Availability of convergence funding for the electrification of the rail link of London to Swansea, and responsibility for funding this work
- The introduction of Bimodal trains, and the proposal to trial these on the Cardiff to Swansea route
- The need for improved rail infrastructure links past Cardiff
- The previous UK Government's business case for rail electrification to Swansea, and what changes have occurred since this was produced.
- The shift in balance of expenditure between road and rail projects, and plans for what this balance should be going forward
- Progress on introducing an hourly service between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth.
- The National Improvement to rail stations programme

4. Correspondence from the Chair of Petitions Committee

4.1 A letter had been received from the Chair of the Petitions Committee, which the Chair agreed to circulate to Members.

TRANSCRIPT

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