

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 13 July 2020

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.45

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Nick Ramsay MS
Witnesses:	Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales Geth Williams, Wales Office
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)

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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.



1.2 Apologies were received from Mark Reckless MS.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

**PTN1 – Letter from the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee to the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language – First Supplementary Budget 2020–21 – 17 June 2020**

**PTN2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – Finance Ministers’ Quadrilateral meetings – 19 June 2020**

**PTN3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – First Supplementary Budget 2020–21: Action points from the meeting on 4 June 2020 – 22 June 2020**

**PTN4 – Letter from the Minister for Education – Additional ALN funding for the FE sector – 23 June 2020**

**PTN 5 – Letter from the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition– Regional investment policy in Wales after Brexit – 25 June 2020**

**PTN 6 – Letter from Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – UK Contingencies Fund – 3 July 2020**

**PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to the Chancellor of the Exchequer: Summer economic update – 3 July 2020**

**PTN 8 – Letter from the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales to the Chancellor of the Exchequer: Job Retention Scheme and Self–Employment Income Support Scheme – 4 June 2020**

**PTN9 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Legislation Software Project Update – 7 July 2020**

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Inquiry into a legislative budget process: Consideration of draft report**

4.1 The Committee considered the draft report.

## **5 Appointment of Non-Executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board: Consideration of draft report**

5.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.

## **6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2021–22: Approach to scrutiny**

6.1 The Committee considered its approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government's forthcoming draft budget 2021–22.

## **7 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme**

7.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme for the Autumn term.

## **8 Consideration of responses from Directly Funded Bodies: Financial impact of COVID–19**

8.1 The Committee noted the correspondence from the directly funded bodies.

## **9 COVID–19: Evidence session with Rt. Hon Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales**

9.1 The Committee took evidence from the Rt Hon. Simon Hart MP, Secretary of State for Wales and Geth Williams, Deputy Director of Constitution, Wales Office on the financial response to COVID–19.

9.2 The Committee requested details of HM Treasury's calculations in relation to the £500 million COVID–19 funding for Wales, announced by the Chancellor in the Summer Economic Update.

## **10 COVID–19: Consideration of evidence**

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.