

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Meeting time: 10.15 – 11.20

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Sharon Bounds, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)

Registration (09.15–09.30)

Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.30–10.15)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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



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1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee – Financial scrutiny of Health Boards – 24 April 2023
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2022–23: Welsh Government response – April 2023
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from Peter Fox MS to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: Food (Wales) Bill – 4 May 2023
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill report: Welsh Government response – 5 May 2023
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – 5 May 2023
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from Jonathan Athrow, HMRC: Administration of WRIT – 9 May 2023
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: Agriculture (Wales) Bill – 9 May
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Inflation in the cost estimates accompanying future Bills – 12 May 2023
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: UK/Ireland/EC: Financing Agreement on the PEACE PLUS Programme 2021–2027 – 12 May 2023
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Counsel General to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee – 17 May 2023
- 2.11 PTN 11 – Food (Wales) Bill: Response from Peter Fox MS, Member-in-charge of the Bill – 19 May 2023

**2.12 PTN 12 – Letter from the Chair of Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee:
Food (Wales) Bill – 31 May 2023**

**2.13 PTN 13 – Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Health
Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – Stage 2 Government Amendment – 24 May 2023**

**2.14 PTN 14 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Update in relation to Committee
report recommendation – 24 May 2023**

**2.15 PTN 15 – Letter from the Minister for Climate Change: The Environmental
Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill – 31 May 2023**

**2.16 PTN 16 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance:
Interministerial Standing Committee – 13 June 2023**

3 Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2023–24: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2023–24 from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business; and Sharon Bounds, Deputy Director, Financial Controls.

3.2 The Minister for Finance and Local Government agreed to ask the Minister for Education to provide a note on:

- school budget overspends and whether any deficit can be carried forward into the next financial year.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2023–24: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM): Non–Domestic Rating Bill

6.1 The Committee considered the correspondence and agreed to take no further action in relation to the LCM on the Non–Domestic Rating Bill.

7 Audit Wales – Notification of audit deadlines

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on the notification of audit deadlines and agreed to write to Audit Wales.

8 Consultation with Senedd Committees on documentation accompanying the Draft Budget

8.1 The Committee considered the letters submitted by Committee Chairs and agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Local Government.

9 The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed the report.