

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Thursday, 29 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.55

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office (Welsh Minister) Emma Watkins, Welsh Government Sharon Bounds, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 21 February 2024

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill – 23 February 2024

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from Sam Rowlands MS: Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill – 19 February 2024

2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee – 26 February 2024

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24

3.1 The Committee took evidence on Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Second 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 agreed to provide the following:

- A note on areas of the health and social services MEG that are currently underspending.
- A note on the level of subsidy per passenger in relation to trains in Wales.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 6 March

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.