

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.57

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) Gruffydd Owen (Legal Adviser)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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



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2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Update to recommendations made in the Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26 – 24 March 2025
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Committee's Stage 1 report recommendations – 28 March 2025
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Electoral Commission: Timing of estimate – 28 March 2025
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister on the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill: Logic models and the theory of change – 31 March 2025
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Handling of complaints about NHS Wales – 4 April 2025
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Tourism Inter-Ministerial Group – 9 April 2025
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's Stage 1 report recommendations – 10 April 2025
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the UK Statistics Authority: Quarterly growth data for Wales – 17 April 2025
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee – 22 April 2025
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Publication of the Welsh Government's First Supplementary Budget 2025–26 – 23 April 2025

3 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales with questions that weren't reached during the evidence session.

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 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings

6.1 The Committee noted the procedures for Stage 2 proceedings.

6.2 The Committee considered the options for the order of consideration of amendments to the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill and agreed its preferred approach.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Update on engagement activities

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on its engagement activities in relation to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27, and agreed its approach.

8 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

9 Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum: Update

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft letter from the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.