

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.48

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS Hannah Blythyn MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS) Luke Fletcher MS, Plaid Cymru Spokesperson for Economy and Energy
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy & Intergovernmental Relations, Welsh Government Richard Jarvis, Lawyer, Welsh Government Andrew Rees, Lawyer, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser)



Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Hannah Blythyn MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 17.49, Luke Fletcher MS, Plaid Cymru Spokesperson Economy and Energy attended the Committee for Stage 2 proceedings of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – Policy position regarding exemptions and overnight stays by children and young people – 9 May 2025**

3 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 proceedings

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language and his officials to Stage 2 proceedings of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill.

3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 53 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 1 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 1 was not agreed.		

Amendment 54 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 55 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 56 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 57 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 58 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 59 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 60 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 61 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 62 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 141 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 63 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 64 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 65 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 66 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 67 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 68 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 69 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 70 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 71 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 72 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 73 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	

Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 73 was agreed.		

Amendment 74 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 75 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 76 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	
Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 76 was agreed.		

Amendment 77 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 78 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 79 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 80 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 81 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 82 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 83 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 84 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 85 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 86 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 87 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 88 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 89 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 90 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 91 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 2 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	Hannah Blythyn MS	
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii). Amendment 2 was therefore not agreed.		

Amendment 47 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 47 was not agreed.		

Amendment 92 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 93 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 94 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 95 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 96 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 3 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 3 was not agreed.		

Amendment 97 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

As amendment 97 was agreed, amendments 143, 4 and 44 fell.

Amendment 144 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 144 was not agreed.		

Amendment 98 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	
Hannah Blythyn MS	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii). Amendment 98 was therefore not agreed.		

Amendment 48 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	

Amendment 48 was not agreed.

Amendment 99 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	
Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 99 was agreed.		

As amendment 99 was agreed, amendment 49 fell.

Amendment 100 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 5 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 5 was not agreed.		

Amendment 101 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	

Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 101 was agreed.		

Amendment 145 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 146 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 6 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 6 was not agreed.		

Amendment 102 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 103 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

As amendment 103 was agreed, amendments 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 45 and 50 fell.

Amendment 104 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 105 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

As amendment 105 was agreed, amendment 147 fell.

Amendment 12 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 13 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 14 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 106 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	
Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 106 was agreed.		

As amendment 106 was agreed, amendments 15, 148, 16 and 149 fell.

Amendment 159 (Luke Fletcher MS) was not moved.

Amendment 107 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

As amendment 107 was agreed, amendments 46, 51 and 17 fell.

Amendment 108 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 109 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 18 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 18 was not agreed.		

Amendment 110 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

As amendment 110 was agreed, amendment 19 fell.

Amendment 20 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 20 was not agreed.		

Amendment 111 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 142 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 150 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 151 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 152 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 153 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 22 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 23 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 112 (Mark Drakeford MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Mike Hedges MS	Sam Rowlands MS	
Hannah Blythyn MS		
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS		
Amendment 112 was agreed.		

Amendment 113 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 24 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 154 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 25 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 155 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 156 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 114 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 157 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 158 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 27 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 28 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 52 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 29 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 30 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 31 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 115 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 116 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 32 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 117 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 33 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 118 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 119 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 120 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 121 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 122 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 123 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 124 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 125 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 126 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 127 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 34 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 34 was not agreed.		

Amendment 35 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 35 was not agreed.		

Amendment 36 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 36 was not agreed.		

Amendment 128 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 129 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 130 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 131 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 132 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 133 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 134 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 135 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 37 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 38 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 39 (Sam Rowlands MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 137 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 40 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 138 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 139 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 41 (Sam Rowlands MS) was not moved.

Amendment 42 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	
Amendment 42 was not agreed.		

Amendment 140 (Mark Drakeford MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 43 (Sam Rowlands MS)

In Favour	Against	Abstain
Sam Rowlands MS	Mike Hedges MS	
	Hannah Blythyn MS	
	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS	

Amendment 43 was not agreed.

Lunch

4 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 proceedings

4.1 The Committee completed the Stage 2 proceedings of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill before the scheduled lunch break.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Appointment of a Non-Executive Member to the Wales Audit Office Board

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report.