

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 4 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.33

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Professor Chris Gill, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, University of Glasgow Professor Naomi Creutzfeldt, Professor of Law and Society, University of Kent Angela Hughes, Assistant Director of Patient Experience, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, representing Welsh NHS Confederation Alun Jones, Chief Executive, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



	Martin Jennings (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher)
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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. There was no substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

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: Welsh Reserve in 2025–26 – 16 May 2025

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the First Minister: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings – 22 May 2025

2.3 PTN 3 – Response from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to questions that weren't reached during an evidence session on 30 April – 30 May 2025

3 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Evidence session 4 – Academics

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 from Professor Chris Gill, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, University of Glasgow; and Professor Naomi Creutzfeldt, Professor of Law and Society, University of Kent.

Break

4 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Evidence session 5 – Health related authorities

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 from Angela Hughes, Assistant Director of Patient Experience, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, representing Welsh NHS Confederation; and Alun Jones, Chief Executive, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales.

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

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Approach to the nomination of the Auditor General for Wales

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on the approach to the nomination of the Auditor General for Wales and agreed the actions within the paper.

8 First Supplementary Budget 2025–26: Directly Funded Bodies

8.1 The Committee considered the draft report chapter relating to the supplementary budget requests of the directly funded bodies. This chapter will form part of the Committee's draft report on the Scrutiny of the First Supplementary Budget 2025–26.

9 Review of Budget Process Protocol and associated procedures

9.1 The Committee considered the paper on the review of Budget Process Protocol and associated procedures, and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.