

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.03

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Alice Stenton (Deputy Clerk) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



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.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment – 27 January 2026
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs (ETRA) Committee: Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill – 27 January 2026
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Building Safety (Wales) Bill: Further information from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Finance Committee's report recommendations – 28 January 2026
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Building Safety (Wales) Bill: Further information from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Local Government and Housing Committee's report recommendations – 28 January 2026
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Building Safety (Wales) Bill: Further information from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's report recommendations – 28 January 2026
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Joint letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, and the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – 28 January 2026
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery to the Member Accountability Bill Committee: Financial resolution for the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill – 2 February 2026
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum – 3 February 2026

2.9 PTN 9 – Annual scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales: Response from Audit Wales to the Committee's report – 3 February 2026

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.

3 Finance Committee Legacy work – Sixth Senedd: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Finance Committee's Legacy work from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government; and Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government.

5 Finance Committee Legacy work – Sixth Senedd: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Nomination of the Auditor General for Wales: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered its draft report and agreed it with no changes.

7 Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum: Consideration of the Forum's draft legacy report

7.1 The Committee considered the draft report of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum and agreed it with no changes.

8 Nomination of the Auditor General for Wales: Consideration of the Memorandum for the Accounting Officer of the Wales Audit Office

8.1 The Committee considered the Memorandum for the Accounting Officer of the Wales Audit Office and agreed it with no changes.

9 Draft Public Audit (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: Update

9.1 The Committee considered the paper on the Draft Public Audit (Amendment) (Wales) Bill and agreed to signpost the draft Bill and developments during this Senedd to the successor Committee in the legacy report.