

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 3 October 2013**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:55**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Paul Davies
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan

Witnesses:

Angela Burns, Commissioner
Nicola Callow, Head of Finance
Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly
Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager
David Meaden, PSOW
Peter Tyndall, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Simon Thomas. There was no substitute.

2 Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–2015

- 2.1 Peter Black AM absented himself for this item due to his role as a Member of the Assembly Commission.
- 2.2 Members scrutinised Angela Burns AM, Commissioner; Claire Clancy, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly; and Nicola Callow, Head of Finance on the draft Assembly Commission budget.
- 2.3 The Committee asked Angela Burns AM to provide further information on the figures for ICT investment and the areas in which this money would be invested.
- 2.4 The Committee asked Angela Burns AM to provide a note on the number of requests to visit the Assembly from schools which are turned down, including a geographical breakdown of this information.

3 Scrutiny of Public Service Ombudsman for Wales draft estimate

- 3.1 Members scrutinised Peter Tyndall, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales; Susan Hudson, Policy and Communications Manager; and David Meaden, Financial Adviser on the draft estimate.

4 Papers to note

- 4.1 The papers were noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

- 5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Consideration of Evidence Received

- 6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Assembly Commission's draft budget 2014-2015.
- 6.2 The Committee discussed the evidence on the Public Service Ombudsman's draft estimate.
- 6.3 Draft reports on both budgets will be considered by the Committee at forthcoming meetings.

7 Welsh Government Outturn report 2012–13: Consideration of Report

- 7.1 Members noted the paper.

8 Welsh Government Draft Budget Pre-briefing

8.1 The Committee received a briefing from Angela Scott, Special Advisor.