

# Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 5 February 2014**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 12:05**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**Carl Sargeant, Minister for Housing and Regeneration**  
**Ceri Breeze, Head of Housing Directorate, Welsh Government**  
**John Davies, Legal Services, Welsh Government**  
**Geoff Marlow, Welsh Government**  
**Professor Dylan Jones–Evans, University of the West of England**  
**Alan Trench, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, The Constitution Unit, University College London**  
**Jen Welsby, Welsh Government**  
**Alyn Williams, Welsh Government**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

## **2 Housing (Wales) Bill**

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration on the Housing (Wales) Bill.

2.2 The Minister agreed to send a note to Committee on data sharing of Housing benefit and let Committee have advance notice of any possible amendments at Stages 2 and 3 that will seek to change any financial aspects in the Bill.

## **3 Finance Wales Inquiry: Evidence session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Professor Jones–Evans on the Finance Wales inquiry.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

4.1 Higher Education Funding: Letter from Professor Julie Williams

## **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 Draft Wales Bill: Briefing session**

6.1 The Committee received a briefing from Alan Trench, Professor of Politics, University of Ulster on the draft Wales Bill.

6.2 The Committee agreed the text of a letter for the Chair to send to the Secretary of State for Wales.

## **7 Housing (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration on the Housing (Wales) Bill and agreed to write to the Minister seeking additional information from that noted during his evidence session.