

# Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 24 September 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.38**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**Robert Chote, Office for Budget Responsibility**  
**Laura van Geest, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis**  
**Wim Suyker, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Richard Bettley (Researcher)**  
**Helen Jones (Researcher)**  
**Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Advisor)**

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## **TRANSCRIPT**

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Nick Ramsay as a Member to the Committee and thanked Paul Davies for his work and advised Members that she would write to him.

### **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Higher education finances: Letter from Darren Millar AM (30 July 2014)

2.2 Higher Education (Wales) Bill: Letter from Higher Education Wales (31 July 2014)

2.3 Welsh Government Outturn report 2013–14: Letter from the Minister for Finance (5 August 2014)

2.4 Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill: Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business (29 August 2014)

### **3 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry Part II: Evidence Session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Laura van Geest, Director and Wim Suyker, Programme Leader at the CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis on the Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry Part II.

### **4 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry Part II: Evidence Session 2**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Robert Chote, Chairman of the Office for Budget Responsibility on the Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry Part II.

### **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 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry Part II: Consideration of evidence received**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.

## **7 Financial Education and Inclusion (Wales) Bill: Financial Implications of the Bill**

7.1 Members considered the briefing paper on the Financial Education and Inclusion (Wales) Bill and agreed they would not invite Bethan Jenkins AM, the Member in Charge, to answer questions on the financial implications of the Bill at this stage.

7.2 Ann Jones agreed to update the Committee on the financial scrutiny of the Bill as it undertakes its Stage 1 scrutiny in the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

## **8 Wales Audit Office: Audit Findings Report for accounts 2013 – 2014**

8.1 Members considered the paper from RSM Tenon on the WAO's Annual Reports and Accounts 2013–14 and agreed that they did not wish to have a representative from RSM Tenon present when the Committee considers the WAO's Annual Reports and Accounts 2013–14 in November.

8.2 The Clerk will write to RSM Tenon advising of this decision but also requesting a brief summary of the paper.

## **9 Forward work programme**

9.1 Members noted the work programme. Members discussed the possibility of visiting the Scottish Parliament and will advise the Clerk if available. Members also suggested areas of work for future inquiries which will be considered at a later date.