

# Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 6 November 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.10**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**Isobel Garner, Wales Audit Office**  
**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office**  
**Steve O'Donoghue, Wales Audit Office**  
**Kevin Thomas, Wales Audit Office**  
**Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**  
**David Meadon, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' office**  
**Susan Hudson, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' office**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Martin Jennings (Researcher)**  
**Richard Bettley (Researcher)**

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## **1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2015–16: Consideration of draft report**

1.1 The Committee made amendments to the draft report and agreed a final version to be published on 11 November 2014.

### **TRANSCRIPT**

View the [meeting transcript](#).

## **2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee and noted that apologies had been received by Alun Ffred Jones and Ann Jones.

## **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

## **4 Wales Audit Office: Scrutiny of Auditor General for Wales' Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14**

4.1 The Committee handled items 4–7 together.

4.2 Members scrutinised Isobel Garner, Chair; Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales; Steven O'Donoghue, Director of Finance and Kevin Thomas, Director of Corporate Services on the Auditor General for Wales' Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14.

## **5 Wales Audit Office: Estimate of income and expenses 2015–16**

## **6 Wales Audit Office: External Audit Report on the Accounts 2013–14**

## **7 Wales Audit Office: Interim Report 2014–15**

## **8 Public Service Ombudsman for Wales: Scrutiny of estimate for 2015–16**

8.1 Members scrutinised Nick Bennett, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales; David Meaden, Financial Accountant and Susan Hudson, Policy and Communications Manager on the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales' estimate for 2015–16.

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

9.1 The motion was agreed.

## **10 Wales Audit Office: Consideration of evidence received**

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