

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 19 March 2015**

Meeting time: **08.49 – 10.50**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Leighton Andrews AM, The Minister for Public Services
Caroline Turner, Welsh Government
Sanjiv Vedi, Welsh Government
Kate Chamberlain, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
Nicola Williams, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Richard Bettley (Researcher)
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Peter Black AM.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Government Business requesting clarification on the figures around the protection offered to the Local Government Budget.

3 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:

Evidence Session 10

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Kate Chamberlain, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales and Nicola Williams, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board on its inquiry into Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

3.2 Nicola Williams agreed to provide a copy of the letter to patients outlining the health boards complaints process and the recourse to the Public Services Ombudsman.

3.3 Kate Chamberlain agreed to provide figures on the independent healthcare sector in Wales and the numbers of private units within NHS organisations.

4 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:

Evidence Session 11

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Public Service, Caroline Turner and Sanjiv Vedi, Welsh Government on its inquiry into Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

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 powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:

Discussion of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Forward Work Programme

7.1 Members agreed the work programme for the summer term. Members also agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Government Business with regard to Business Rates.

8 Collection of devolved taxes: Approach to scrutiny

8.1 Members considered the approach to scrutiny for the Committee's inquiry into Collection of Devolved Taxes.