

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

**Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 February  
2016

Meeting time: 09.05 – 12.53

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Darren Millar AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jocelyn Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Julie Morgan AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	James Price, Welsh Government Chris Cain, Northpoint Aviation Professor Stuart Cole, University of South Wales Andrew Miller, Glasgow Prestwick Airport John Nicholls, Transport Scotland
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser) Huw Vaughan Thomas (Auditor General for Wales)



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## Transcript

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Sandy Mewies and Aled Roberts. There were no substitutes.

### 2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

### 3 Cardiff Airport: Evidence Session 3

3.1 The Committee took evidence from James Price, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group, Welsh Government as part of the inquiry into the Welsh Government's acquisition and ownership of Cardiff Airport.

3.2 James Price agreed to send the following information to Committee:

- A list of the Anchor Companies in Wales together with the criteria required to be an Anchor Company;
- A note of the passenger figures and number of flights over the last 25 years;
- A plan and inventory of what the Welsh Government acquired;
- An explanation of the urgency as to why the purchase had to be completed within a short timeframe and why the S128 procedure contained within the Government of Wales Act 2006 was used;
- Full details of the various valuations carried out prior to the acquisition;
- Confirmation as to whether the original land value was carried out on the site as an airport or the Residual Land Value of the airport site prior to the time of purchase;
- If the calculations on the Residual Land Value are available; and
- A note on which valuation method is used to value the assets in the Holdco annual accounts.

## **4 Cardiff Airport: Evidence Session 4**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Chris Cain, Director and Head of Research, Northpoint Aviation and Professor Stuart Cole CBE, Emeritus Professor of Transport Economics and Policy, University of South Wales as part of the inquiry into the Welsh Government's acquisition and ownership of Cardiff Airport.

## **5 Cardiff Airport: Evidence Session 5**

5.1 The Committee took evidence from John Nicholls, Director, Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals Transport Scotland and Andrew Miller, Chair of Glasgow Prestwick Airport as part of the inquiry into the Welsh Government's acquisition and ownership of Cardiff Airport.

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Cardiff Airport: Consideration of evidence received**

7.1 Members discussed the evidence received.