

# Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 16 July 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 10.46**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**Peter Black AM, Commissioner**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, Commissioner**  
**Nicola Callow, Assembly Commission**  
**Craig Stephenson, Assembly Commission**  
**Dave Tosh, Assembly Commission**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest 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. Apologies were received from Ann Jones and from Peter Black for items 1 – 5.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Higher Education (Wales) Bill: Letter from the Minister for Education and Skills (30 June 2014)

2.2 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Additional Information from CIPFA

## **3 Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–15**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, Assembly Commissioner with responsibility for the Commission's official language functions and policy, legal services and Freedom of Information, Craig Stephenson – Interim Director of Commission Services, National Assembly for Wales and Nicola Callow – Director of Finance, National Assembly for Wales on the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–15.

## **4 Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–15**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Peter Black AM, Assembly Commissioner with responsibility for ICT, broadcasting and e–democracy; the Assembly estate and sustainability, Dave Tosh – Director of ICT, National Assembly for Wales and Nicola Callow – Director of Finance, National Assembly for Wales on the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–15.

## **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 Gender–based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill: Financial Implications of the Bill**

6.1 Members considered the briefing paper on the Gender–based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill and agreed they would not invite the Minister for Local Government and Government Business to answer questions on the financial implications of the Bill at this stage but would write to her seeking clarification on a number of issues.

6.2 The Chair agreed to write to Christine Chapman AM, Chair of Communities, Equalities and Local Government Committee (CELG) advising that Finance Committee

does not wish to invite the Minister to Committee at this stage but would welcome updates on the financial implications of the Bill.

## **7 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill: Financial Implications of the Bill**

7.1 Members considered the briefing paper on the the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill and agreed that they would not invite the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty to answer questions on the financial implications of the Bill but would write to him seeking clarification on a number of issues.

7.2 The Chair agreed to write to Alun Ffred Jones AM, Chair of Environment and Sustainability Committee (ESC) advising that Finance Committee does not wish to invite the Minister to Committee at this stage but would welcome updates on the financial implications of the Bill.

## **8 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Consideration of the draft report**

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report subject to a few minor changes and noted that it will be published on 24 July.