

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 23 January
2019

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Alun Davies AM Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM
Witnesses:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Richard Harries, Wales Audit Office Gareth Lucey, Wales Audit Office Jim Harra, HMRC Katy Peters, HMRC
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Alex Hadley (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhinanon Passmore AM and Nick Ramsay AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter to and response from the First Minister – engagement with Member bills

3 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Evidence session 3 (Wales Audit Office)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales; Richard Harries, Director, Financial Audit, Wales Audit Office; and Gareth Lucey, Audit Manager, Wales Audit Office.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: items 5 to 8, and 10 to 12

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

6.1 The Committee agreed to undertake an inquiry, considering the case for amending the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

7 The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2018

7.1 The Committee noted the Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2018.

8 An analysis of draft Budget Scrutiny

8.1 The Committee reviewed its approach to scrutiny of the 2019–20 draft Budget.

9 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Evidence session 4 (HMRC)

9.1 The Committee took evidence from Jim Harra, Second Permanent Secretary, HMRC and Katy Peters, Deputy Director, Personal Taxes, Knowledge Analysis and Intelligence, and Head of Professions for Economics, HMRC.

10 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Consideration of evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

11 Wales Audit Office Fee Scheme 2019–20

11.1 The Committee approved the Wales Audit Office Fee Scheme 2019–20, under Standing Orders 18.10(x) in accordance with section 24(7) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

12 Draft report on the Wales Audit Office Board Appointments

12.1 The Committee agreed the report.