

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Thursday, 5 December 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.43

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Anna Adams, Welsh Government Emma Anderson, Welsh Government Nick Lambert, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Manon Jones (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

1.2 Members declared the following relevant interests under Standing Order 17.24A:

- Peter Fox MS declared that he owns a caravan.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26: Senedd Commission response to the Committee's report recommendations – 5 November 2024
 - 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Section 150 order of the Government of Wales Act 2006 – 6 November 2024
 - 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Further information on the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill – 12 November 2024
 - 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Second Supplementary Budget 2024–25 – 15 November 2024
 - 2.5 PTN 5 – Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report on Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations – 25 November 2024
 - 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee: Local Government Funding Formula – 20 November 2024
- 3 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language (Cabinet Secretary), Welsh Government; Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations, Welsh Government; Nicholas Lambert, Senior Lawyer, Treasury and Procurement Team, Legal Services Department, Welsh Government; and Emma Anderson, Solicitor, Education (Schools), Culture, Media, Sport and Tourism Team, Welsh Government.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary with additional questions that weren't reached during the evidence session.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting.

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report on the financial implications of the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill.