

# Agenda – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee  
room 3, Senedd and video conference  
via Zoom

Meeting date: 23 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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## Registration

(09.00 – 09.15)

## Private pre-meeting

(09.15 – 09.30)

### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

### 2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

#### 2.1 PTN 1 – Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report recommendations – 13 January 2025

(Pages 1 – 5)

#### 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – 10 January 2025

(Pages 6 – 7)

#### 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Implications of Budgets not being approved by the Senedd – 16 January 2025

(Pages 8 – 9)



- 2.4 PTN 4 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Additional information received from the WLGA in relation to the Shared Prosperity Fund – 16 January 2025**  
(Page 10)
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry – 17 January 2025**  
(Page 11)
- 3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 8**  
(09.30 – 11.15) (Pages 12 – 50)  
Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language  
Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government  
Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business, Welsh Government
- Supporting documents:**  
[Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025 – 2026](#)  
Senedd Research Brief
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5, 6 and 9; and the start of the meeting on 30 January 2025**
- 5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of evidence**  
(11.15 – 11.30)
- 6 Second Supplementary Budget 2024–25 requests from Directly Funded Bodies**  
(11.30 – 12.00) (Pages 51 – 74)  
**Supporting documents:**

FIN(6)-03-25 P1 – Cover paper: Second Supplementary Budget 2024-25 requests from Directly Funded Bodies

FIN(6)-03-25 P2 – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

FIN(6)-03-25 P3 – Senedd Commission

## **Lunch**

(12.00 – 13.00)

## **Public**

### **7 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill:**

#### **Evidence session 2**

(13.00 – 14.00)

(Pages 75 – 105)

Dr Rhys Ap Gwilym, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Bangor Business School, Bangor University

Dr Linda Osti, Senior Lecturer in Tourism Management, Bangor Business School, Bangor University

#### **Supporting documents:**

FIN(6)-03-25 P4 – Bangor Business School, Bangor University

Senedd Research Brief

## **Break**

(14.00 – 14.10)

### **8 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill:**

#### **Evidence session 3**

(14.10 – 15.10)

(Pages 106 – 149)

Professor Calvin Jones, Professor of Economics, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University

#### **Supporting documents:**

FIN(6)-03-25 P5 – Professor Calvin Jones

**Private**

- 9 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill:  
Consideration of evidence  
(15.10 – 15.30)**