

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.47

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS Lesley Griffiths MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Huw Irranca–Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government Naomi Matthiessen, Deputy Director, Landscapes, Nature and Forestry Division, Welsh Government Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Marine and Biodiversity Division, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Peter Davies (Researcher) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



	Christian Tipples (Researcher)
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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 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Lesley Griffiths MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

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

- Lesley Griffiths MS declared that she was the Minister for Rural Affairs, Energy and Environment from December 2018 to April 2021.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the national homeless charity, Crisis: Financial implications of the Homelessness and Social Allocations Bill – 11 June 2025
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: List of all Barnett consequentialials resulting from the UK Spring Statement and Main Estimates for 2025–26 – 24 June 2025
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Revised Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment – 24 June 2025
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Changes to the transcript – 24 June 2025
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) – 24 June 2025
- 2.11 PTN 6 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Tourism Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) – 25 June 2025

3 Financial implications of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the financial implications of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill from Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government; Naomi Matthiessen, Deputy Director, Landscapes, Nature and Forestry Division, Welsh Government; and Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Marine and Biodiversity Division, Welsh Government.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the start of the meeting on 9 July 2025

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Financial implications of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Bus Services (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.

7 First Supplementary Budget 2025–26: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.