

# Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 3 October 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:55**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Jocelyn Davies (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Christine Chapman**  
**Paul Davies**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Ann Jones**  
**Julie Morgan**

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### Witnesses:

**Angela Burns, Commissioner**  
**Nicola Callow, Head of Finance**  
**Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly**  
**Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager**  
**David Meaden, PSOW**  
**Peter Tyndall, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

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### Committee Staff:

**Gareth Price (Clerk)**  
**Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)**  
**Martin Jennings (Researcher)**  
**Eleanor Roy (Researcher)**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Simon Thomas. There was no substitute.

## **2 Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2014–2015**

2.1 Peter Black AM absented himself for this item due to his role as a Member of the Assembly Commission.

2.2 Members scrutinised Angela Burns AM, Commissioner; Claire Clancy, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly; and Nicola Callow, Head of Finance on the draft Assembly Commission budget.

2.3 The Committee asked Angela Burns AM to provide further information on the figures for ICT investment and the areas in which this money would be invested.

2.4 The Committee asked Angela Burns AM to provide a note on the number of requests to visit the Assembly from schools which are turned down, including a geographical breakdown of this information.

## **3 Scrutiny of Public Service Ombudsman for Wales draft estimate**

3.1 Members scrutinised Peter Tyndall, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales; Susan Hudson, Policy and Communications Manager; and David Meaden, Financial Adviser on the draft estimate.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

## **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 Consideration of Evidence Received**

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Assembly Commission's draft budget 2014-2015.

6.2 The Committee discussed the evidence on the Public Service Ombudsman's draft estimate.

6.3 Draft reports on both budgets will be considered by the Committee at forthcoming meetings.

## **7 Welsh Government Outturn report 2012–13: Consideration of Report**

7.1 Members noted the paper.

## **8 Welsh Government Draft Budget Pre-briefing**

8.1 The Committee received a briefing from Angela Scott, Special Advisor.