

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 12 June 2014**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.11**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM

Witnesses:

Jayne Downden, Cardiff University
Sir Derek Jones, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government
David Richards, Welsh Government
Damien O'Brien, WEFO
Professor Colin Riordan, Cardiff University
Peter Ryland, Welsh Government
Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Fay Buckle (Clerk)
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from William Graham and Sandy Mewies. There were no substitutions.

1.3 Jenny Rathbone declared an interest as Chair of the European Programme Monitoring Committee (Item 4).

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Senior Management Pay: Evidence Session 8

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Professor Colin Riordan, Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University and Jayne Dowden, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Cardiff University on Senior Management Pay.

4 Grants Management in Wales

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Sir Derek Jones, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government, Damien O'Brien, Chief Executive WEFO, David Richards, Director of Governance and Peter Ryland, Deputy Director, Programme Performance & Finance at the Welsh Government on grants management.

4.2 The Permanent Secretary agreed to write to the Chair with additional information on a number of issues.

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 Grants Management in Wales: Consideration of evidence

6.1 Members considered the evidence and agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary seeking additional information on a number of issues.

7 Senior Management Pay: Consideration of written evidence

7.1 Members noted the papers and considered the evidence received during the inquiry. Members noted that the Clerks will begin to draft the report.

8 Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service

8.1 Members noted the paper and agreed that the Clerks would begin to prepare an interim report, returning to this issue in the autumn.