

# Public Accounts Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 2 December 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.03 – 10.45**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar AM (Chair)**  
**William Graham AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Alun Ffred Jones AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Aled Roberts AM**  
**Sandy Mewies AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Andrew Slade, Welsh Government**  
**Gareth Jones, Welsh Government**

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### Committee Staff:

**Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)**  
**Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)**  
**Huw Vaughan Thomas (Auditor General for Wales)**  
**Andy Phillips (Wales Audit Office)**  
**Matthew Mortlock (Wales Audit Office)**  
**Emma Giles (Wales Audit Office)**

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.

1.2 There were no apologies.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Glastir**

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government Sustainable Futures Director General, Gareth Jones and the Director of Agriculture, Food & Marine, Andrew Slade.

3.2 Gareth Jones agreed to provide the following to the Committee:

- A note on the revised targets that Glastir is expected to achieve and how they will monitor the delivery against those, whether they are biodiversity targets or otherwise.
- The average length of time an inspection takes.
- The number of cross-compliance penalties and the total fines over the past few years.
- A note on how many applications for land to be left unfarmed have been turned down.
- An overview of the steps being taken to assist online applications.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Glastir: Consideration of evidence received**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received from the Welsh Government.

## **6 Forward work programme**

6.1 The members considered and noted the work programme for the spring term.

## **7 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Consideration of evidence received**

7.1 The Members agreed to produce a short report on the Commissioners' Accounts.