

# Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 10 December 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.30**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)  
Peter Black AM  
Christine Chapman AM  
Mike Hedges AM  
Alun Ffred Jones AM  
Julie Morgan AM  
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM

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### Witnesses:

Jane Hutt AM, The Minister for Finance and Government  
Business  
Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government  
Matt Denham Jones, Welsh Government  
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government  
Nicola Evans, Wales Audit Office  
Isobel Garner, Wales Audit Office  
Kevin Thomas, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit  
Office

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### Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)  
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)  
Leanne Hatcher (Deputy Clerk)  
Richard Bettley (Researcher)

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the Meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Ann Jones and Nick Ramsey.
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed Mohammad Asghar who was substitute for Nick Ramsey.

## **2 Papers to note**

- 2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Evidence Session 5**

- 3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Finance and Government Business on the Best Practice Budget Process.
- 3.2 The Minister agreed to provide information on how she engages and uses academic experts to generate economic data.

## **4 Wales Audit Office: Fleet Report**

- 4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Wales Audit Office on its Fleet Report.
- 4.2 The Wales Audit Office agreed to provide information on its mechanisms for ensuring the scheme balances the need for cost reduction, efficiency and effectiveness, corporate social responsibility and environmental impacts.

## **5 Wales Audit Office: Consideration of Fees Scheme**

- 5.1 The Committee scrutinised the Wales Audit Office on their fee scheme 2015.

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

- 6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Wales Audit Office: Procurement of Auditors**

- 7.1 The Committee scrutinised the Wales Audit Office on the Procurement of Auditors.

## **8 Wales Audit Office: Fleet Report – Consideration of evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidenced received.

## **9 Wales Audit Office: Consideration of Fees Scheme – Consideration of evidence received**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **10 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Consideration of evidence received**

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.