

# Concise Minutes – Enterprise and Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 23 September 2015

Meeting time: 09.45 – 12.30

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	William Graham AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jeff Cuthbert AM Keith Davies AM Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Eluned Parrott AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Jane Hutt AM, The Minister for Finance and Government Business Steven Davies, Welsh Government Geraint Green, Welsh Government Rob Halford, WEFO Dr Grahame Guilford, Life Sciences Sector Panel Dr Hywel Ceri Jones, Wales Governance Centre



	Gaynor Richards, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Gareth Price (Clerk) Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Ben Stokes (Researcher)

## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Gwenda Thomas AM and Joyce Watson AM. Jenny Rathbone AM substituted for Joyce Watson AM.

### 2 Scrutiny session with the Minister for Finance and Government Business

2.1 Jenny Rathbone AM declared that she is the Chair of the European Programme Monitoring Committee.

2.2 The Minister and her officials answered questions from Members of the Committee.

2.3 The Minister agreed to provide the following:

- Any overall data on organisation participation in the first round of calls under the various EU funding programmes (Erasmus+, Creative Europe, COSME etc).
- An update on the revised pipeline of Welsh schemes with potential to access financing through the European Fund for Strategic Investment.

### 3 Update from the EU Funding Ambassadors

3.1 Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM declared that he is Chancellor and Chair of Bangor University, an institution that has received European funds and expects to receive further European funds. Bangor University has also recently received a substantial loan from the European Investment Bank.

3.2 The EU Funding Ambassadors answered questions from Members of the Committee.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 Draft Wales Bill

4.1.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

4.2 Letter from the Older People's Commissioner regarding Employment Opportunities for People Over 50

4.2.1 The paper was noted by the Committee.

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.**

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 Discussion on Fourth Assembly Committees**

6.1 The Committee discussed the paper on Fourth Assembly Committees.