

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 29 June 2011**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 10:10**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan
Nick Ramsay
Ieuan Wyn Jones

Witnesses:

Jane Hutt
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Introduction and apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the first meeting of the Finance Committee in the fourth Assembly.

2. Supplementary Budget 2011 –12 –Minister for Finance

Scrutiny of Welsh Government

2.1 The Committee welcomed Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance; Andrew Jeffreys, Head of Strategic Budgeting –Strategic Planning, Finance & Performance – SPF&P; and Jeff Andrews, Specialist Policy Adviser, SPF&P.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

2.3 The Minister agreed to provide:

- Further details on revisions in the accounting treatment, which resulted in a reduction of £92.4 million in relation to the provision of student loans.
- Further details on the transfer of £18.6 million from DEFRA to the Welsh Government in relation to animal health and welfare.
- A breakdown of the consequential of the UK budget 2011, detailing the policy decisions from which they resulted, and including the indicative figures of the revenue and capital consequential for the remaining years of the spending review.
- A breakdown, by region, of the costs of the 2011 election and comparison with the regional costs of previous Assembly elections, including the costs incurred by the referendum in 2011.
- Details of the real term reductions in revenue and capital in the supplementary budget's indicative figures for the next two years.
- Further details on the timescales of the allocation of the Centrally Retain Capital (CRC) Fund.

3. Supplementary Budget 2011–2012 – Consideration of evidence

3.1 The Committee discussed the key issues arising from their scrutiny of the Supplementary Budget 2011–12.

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