

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 21 January 2014**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:58**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar)
Jocelyn Davies
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Owen Evans, Welsh Government
Phil Jones, Welsh Government
Dr Bret Pugh, Welsh Government

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 The Chair advised that due to elections to committee's in plenary later today, this was probably Jocelyn Davies' last meeting.

2 Covering Teachers' Absence: Evidence from the Welsh Government

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Owen Evans, Director General, Education and Skills, Welsh Government, Dr Bret Pugh, Group Director, School Standards & Workforce Group and Phil Jones, Deputy Director, Practitioner Standards & Professional Development on Covering Teachers' Absence.

2.2 Owen Evans agreed to agreed to provide a note to Committee on a number of issues raised during the session.

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

- 3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Covering Teachers' Absence: Consideration of evidence received

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to consider the further evidence requested from the Welsh Government and then take a decision as to whether further work is required before the report can be prepared.

5 Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service: Briefing from the Wales Audit Office

5.1 The Committee received an oral briefing from the Wales Audit Office on the Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service and agreed to hold a short inquiry into this issue later in the term.