

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 4 June 2014**

Meeting time: **09.03 – 11.46**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Christine Chapman AM
Paul Davies AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Ann Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM

Witnesses:

Ronnie Downes, OECD
Gerald Holtham
Camila Vammalle, OECD
Lisa Vontrapp, OECD

Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Richard Bettley (Researcher)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Helen Jones (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee. There were no apologies.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Letter from the Minister for Finance (20 May 2014)

2.2 Assembly Commission – Corporate Performance Report 2013–14

3 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Evidence Session 3

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Ronnie Downes, Deputy Head of the Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Lisa Vontrapp, Policy Analyst and Camila Vammalle, Policy Analyst from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (by video conference) on their inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes.

4 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Evidence Session 4

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Gerald Holtham, on their inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Best Practice Budget Processes Inquiry: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received as part of their inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes.

6.2 Members agreed that the Committee should produce and publish a short report which could assist Members of the House of Lords when they consider the Wales Bill.

7 Higher Education (Wales) Bill: Financial Implications of the Bill

7.1 Members considered the briefing paper on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill and agreed that they would write to the Member in Charge (Huw Lewis AM) seeking clarification on a number of issues.