

Specification for the post of Expert Adviser to a Committee of the National Assembly for Wales on Taxation

The Finance Committee is seeking to appoint an adviser/s to provide expert, technical advice to the Committee in relation to the forthcoming Tax legislation.

The [Wales Act 2014](#) sets out new fiscal powers for Wales, including powers to borrow for capital investment and powers in relation to taxation. The Welsh Government intends to bring forward a number of Bills over the next few years on the collection and management of devolved taxes in Wales and Welsh taxes such as Stamp Duty Land Tax and Landfill Tax.

If you would be interested in this unique opportunity to work with the [Finance Committee](#) during this exciting time of fiscal devolution, please send a CV and covering letter addressing how you meet the person specification to SeneddFinance@Assembly.Wales

The first appointment is likely to start June 2015 and will be to provide advice on the collection and management of devolved taxes Bill. An outline of what the role will involve is attached at Annex A.

Person Specification

Skills/Abilities – the adviser must have proven analytical skills, particularly in relation to tax-related matters. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, and an ability to explain technical or complex issues are essential.

Experience – the adviser will have considerable experience of matters relating to tax law and public finances. Experience of working within a political environment would be advantageous.

Knowledge – candidates should have an in-depth knowledge of the UK tax system and knowledge of those taxes being devolved to Wales would be

helpful. The adviser should be able to demonstrate a good understanding of the role and remit of the Finance Committee.

The appointment is likely to require a 15 day commitment (over a 4/5 month period) and will be paid at the Assembly's Expert Adviser rate of at £200 per day [higher rates may be payable for exceptional candidates]

Annexe A

The role will include but is not limited to:

- **providing an introductory briefing session for the Committee on the Bill and Explanatory Memorandum;**
- **working with the Committee team for the duration of the inquiry to prepare for (and, where necessary, attend) oral evidence sessions, identify emerging themes from the inquiry;**
- **contributing to a paper identifying the inquiry's key issues as the inquiry draws to a close**
- **reviewing and comment on the Committee's draft report, including the Committee's key conclusions and recommendations;**
- **providing such advice as the Committee, Chair and team require.**