

Enterprise and Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 17 October 2013**

Meeting time: **13: – 14:30**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Mick Antoniw
Byron Davies
Keith Davies
Alun Ffred Jones
Eluned Parrott
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills
Ken Skates, Deputy Minister for Skills & Technology
Andrew Clark, Deputy Director Further Education and Apprenticeship Division, Welsh Government
Owen Evans, Welsh Government
Neil Surman, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Olga Lewis (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)
Christopher Warner (Secretary)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Julie James AM, Rhun ap Iorwerth AM and David Rees AM. There were no substitutions.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2014–15: Higher Education and Skills (13:30–14:30)

1.1 The Committee took evidence from the Minister for Education and Skills Huw Lewis AM and the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Ken Skates AM.

2.2 Minister for Education and Skills agreed to provide information about the breakdown of savings made as a result of HE mergers which occurred over the last ten years.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the Minutes of the previous meeting