

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 March  
2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.47

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Anthony Barrett, Wales Audit Office Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Robert Chote, Office for Budget Responsibility
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Gemma Gifford (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Auditor General Wales: Natural Resources Wales Annual Accounts 2015–16**

3.1 Nick Ramsay AM gave his apologies for this item.

3.2 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Anthony Barrett and Martin Peters on Natural Resources Wales Annual Account 2015–16.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the following business:**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Auditor General Wales: Natural Resources Wales Annual Accounts 2015–16 – Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **6 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Welsh tax forecast briefing**

6.1 The Committee scrutinised Robert Chote on the tax forecasts for Wales by OBR.

## **7 Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board**

7.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed further action.