

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Scott Room, Royal Society of Edinburgh

Meeting date: Thursday, 13 June 2019

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.11

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Alun Davies AM Mike Hedges AM
Witnesses:	David Eiser, Adviser to the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee Dr Angela O'Hagan, Glasgow Caledonian University Professor Michael Danson, Heriot-Watt University Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland Mark Taylor, Audit Scotland Diane McGiffen, Audit Scotland
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the formal meeting at the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

1.2. Apologies were received from Nick Ramsay AM and Rhianon Passmore AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services: Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill – 31 May 2019

2.2 PTN2 – Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee – Retention payments in construction contracts – 6 June 2019

3 Legislative budget process: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence from David Eiser, Adviser to the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee.

4 Legislative budget process: Evidence session 2

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Michael Danson, Professor of Enterprise Policy at Heriot-Watt University and Dr Angela O'Hagan, School for Business and Society, Glasgow Caledonian University.

5 Legislative budget process: Evidence session 3

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland and Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.

6 Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Evidence session 1

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland and Diane McGiffen, Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the meeting on the 19 June 2019

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Legislative budget process: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.