

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.33

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Alun Davies MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Ken Skates MS, Commissioner Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Kate Innes, Chief Finance Officer Alun Davidson, Clerk, Constitutional Change / Parliamentary Business Strategy Team Dr Elizabeth Haywood, Chair, Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd Daniel Hurford, Clerk, Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd
Committee Staff:	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



	Christian Tipples (Researcher) Professor Ailsa Henderson (Expert Adviser)
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Registration (09.00–09.15)

Private Pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.3 Alun Davies MS attended as a substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.4 Mike Hedges MS declared that he is a Trustee of the Senedd Members' Pension Board.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from Audit Wales: Further information following the Audit Wales session on 20 September – 2 October 2023**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – Stage 3 Government Amendments – 2 October 2023**

3 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with the Senedd Commission

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill from Ken Skates MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd; and Kate Innes, Chief Finance Officer.

3.2 The Senedd Commission agreed to provide a note on:

- The estimated costs for Members' travel and accommodation expenses, in particular, why the Commission did not model the current costs in these areas to derive a range of estimates.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 7

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd

6.1 The Committee took evidence on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill from Dr Elizabeth Haywood, Chair of the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd; and Daniel Hurford, Clerk, Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd.

7 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.