

# Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 21 January 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.40**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)**  
**Peter Black AM**  
**Christine Chapman AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Alun Ffred Jones AM**  
**Ann Jones AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**Nick Ramsay AM**

### Witnesses:

**Nick Bennett**  
**Katrin Shaw, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales Office**  
**Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager**

### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)**  
**Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest Varney–Jackson (Legal Adviser)**  
**Richard Bettley (Researcher)**

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Evidence Session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Ombudsman on its inquiry.

3.2 The Ombudsman agreed to provide the following:

- Follow up examples of where own-initiative powers have been used well in other countries.
- To outline what the precise relationship is between the complaints authority and the rest of the Scottish Ombudsman's office.

## **4 Motion under standing order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Discussion of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **6 Best Practice Budget Process: Key Issues**

6.1 The Committee considered the key issues of the Best Practice Budget Process report.

## **7 Report on the Wales Audit Office Fleet Car and Travel and Subsistence: Consideration of Draft Report**

7.1 Members agreed the draft report subject to the inclusion of some additional information.

## **8 Initial Consideration of Qualifications (Wales) Bill**

8.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Qualifications (Wales) Bill.

## **9 Initial consideration of Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill**

9.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

## **10 Consideration of Planning (Wales) Bill Letter**

10.1 The Committee considered the letter.