

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 5 October  
2016

Meeting time: 09.01 – 12.28

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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:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Susan Hudson, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)



## **1 08.45–09.00 Informal pre-meeting**

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

2.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

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

3.1 The paper was noted.

## **4 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Evidence session**

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on the Estimate for Income and Expenses 2017–18.

4.2 The Ombudsman agreed to provide the Committee with a note on benchmarking against other similar bodies and public services ombudsman schemes.

## **5 Assembly Commission draft budget 2017–18: Evidence session**

5.1 The Committee scrutinised the Assembly Commission on the draft budget 2017 – 2018.

5.2 The Assembly Commission agreed to provide:

- more information on future ICT investment
- details of how much has been spent on ICT replacement in the Siambr
- a note explaining the 12% savings in ICT
- an explanation for the increase in ICT costs relating to ‘Revenue and Consumable purchases’
- the reasons for the decreased budget in 2017-18 for ‘Assembly Members’ Salary and on-costs’
- a list of the 14 schools that did not take up the opportunity to engage with the Assembly

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the session and item 1 of the next session.

## **7 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **8 Assembly Commission draft budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **9 Overview of the budget process**

9.1 The Committee received a briefing about the budget process.