

# Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Friday, 18 November 2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.15

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones AM (Chair) Jayne Bryant AM Russell George AM John Griffiths AM Mike Hedges AM Huw Irranca-Davies AM Bethan Jenkins AM Dai Lloyd AM Lynne Neagle AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM David Rees AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales Jo Salway, Welsh Government Will Whiteley, Welsh Government



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Committee Staff:	<p>Graeme Francis (Clerk)</p> <p>Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Matthew Richards (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Stephen Boyce (Researcher)</p>
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## Transcript

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# 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

2.2 The Chair welcomed the First Minister and his officials to the meeting.

## 2 Ministerial Scrutiny Session

### 2.1 The Welsh Government's Programme for Government in the Fifth Assembly – Taking Wales Forward 2016–2021

2.1.1 The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the Welsh Government's Programme for Government.

2.1.2 The First Minister undertook to share with the Committee, a letter of 14 July 2016 concerning membership of the Legislative Reform Group.

### 2.2 Discussion on Topical Issues

2.2.1 The Committee asked the First Minister a number of questions about current issues.

2.2.2 The First Minister agreed to provide a note on the legal position in relation to the Severn Bridge tolls, particularly at the point where the bridge transfers to public ownership.

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

The motion was agreed.

### **4 Discussion of Evidence from the Preceding Session**

The Committee discussed the evidence from the previous session and agreed to write to the First Minister to seek further information about a number of issues.