

Enterprise and Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 17 October 2012**

Meeting time: **09:04 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Byron Davies
Alun Ffred Jones
Eluned Parrott
Gwyn R Price (In place of Keith Davies)
David Rees
Ken Skates
Dafydd Elis-Thomas
Jenny Rathbone (In place of Julie James)
Joyce Watson

Witnesses:

Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills
Jeff Cuthbert, Deputy Minister for Skills
Owen Evans, Director, Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, Welsh Government
Carla Lyne, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Siân Phipps (Clerk)
Kayleigh Driscoll (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)

1. Informal briefing on the Draft Budget

1.1 Members received an informal briefing on the Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14.

2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee. Apologies were received from Keith Davies AM, who was substituted by Gwyn Price AM. Apologies were also received from Julie James AM, who was substituted by Jenny Rathbone AM.

3. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14: Ministerial Scrutiny Session

3.1 The Chair welcomed the Minister and her officials to the meeting. Members questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Minister for Education and Skills and the Deputy Minister for Skills agreed to:

- provide the latest figures on the number of people who are not in education, employment or training, and also compare them with the figures in English Regions;
- provide a note on the resources and outcomes for Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, including the number of students who are studying with the Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol;
- provide a note on which current pilot schemes are trialling the model of support whereby a “named person” is available for children who are at risk of becoming “not in education, employment or training”, including children that have been excluded from school;
- provide a note outlining which employment and skills related programmes will mostly be affected by the £3.3 million decrease in the Employment and Skills Budget;
- provide figures on what proportion of the Assembly Learning Grants budget is allocated to part-time support as opposed to full-time support.

4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5. Consideration of evidence and budget report

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14.

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