

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 21 January 2014**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:58**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar)
Jocelyn Davies
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales
Audit Office**
Owen Evans, Welsh Government
Phil Jones, Welsh Government
Dr Bret Pugh, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Fay Buckle (Clerk)
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.

1.2 The Chair advised that due to elections to committee's in plenary later today, this was probably Jocelyn Davies' last meeting.

2 Covering Teachers' Absence: Evidence from the Welsh Government

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Owen Evans, Director General, Education and Skills, Welsh Government, Dr Bret Pugh, Group Director, School Standards & Workforce Group and Phil Jones, Deputy Director, Practitioner Standards & Professional Development on Covering Teachers' Absence.

2.2 Owen Evans agreed to provide a note to Committee on a number of issues raised during the session.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Covering Teachers' Absence: Consideration of evidence received

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to consider the further evidence requested from the Welsh Government and then take a decision as to whether further work is required before the report can be prepared.

5 Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service: Briefing from the Wales Audit Office

5.1 The Committee received an oral briefing from the Wales Audit Office on the Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service and agreed to hold a short inquiry into this issue later in the term.