

Concise Minutes – Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Meeting Venue:

External

Meeting date: Friday, 6 July 2018

Meeting time: 11.02 – 13.15

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The Old College, Aberystwyth

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Ann Jones AM (Chair) Russell George AM Mike Hedges AM Dai Lloyd AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM David J Rowlands AM Simon Thomas AM
Witnesses:	Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister of Wales Jason Thomas, Welsh Government Mari Stevens, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Kathryn Thomas (Second Clerk) Ben Stokes



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw, Jayne Bryant, John Griffiths, Lynne Neagle and Bethan Sayed.

2 Ministerial Scrutiny Session – The Tourism Industry in Wales

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the First Minister on the tourism industry in Wales, particularly in respect of the Welsh Government's Strategy (Partnership for Growth), support for small businesses and the impact of Brexit, including the fair movement of people.

2.2 The First Minister agreed to provide further information to the Committee on:

- when the results of the feasibility study into the reopening of the railway line between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen will be announced and what the next steps will be;
- any update to the action plan that underpins Partnership for Growth, the Welsh Government's strategy for tourism, for the remaining period of the strategy; and
- research into visitor profile for Cadw sites.

3 Ministerial Scrutiny Session – Topical Matters

Members asked the First Minister questions on topical matters.

4.1 PTN 1 – Response from the First Minister following the meeting on 16 February 2018

The paper was noted.

4.2 PTN 2 – Motion under Standing Order 17.2 to give instructions to the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

The paper was noted.

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

The motion was agreed.

6 Discussion of Evidence from Preceding Session

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