

AUDIT COMMITTEE**MINUTES**

Date: 5 July 2001

Time: 2pm

Venue: Committee Room 2, National Assembly Building

Attendance**Members**

Janet Davies (Chair)	South Wales West
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Ann Jones	Vale of Clwyd
Helen Mary Jones	Llanelli

Officials

Sir John Bourn	Auditor General for Wales
Frank Grogan	National Audit Office
Gillian Body	National Audit Office
Dave Powell	National Assembly Compliance Officer
Russell Keith	Committee Clerk
Phil Mulraney	Acting Deputy Committee Clerk

Agenda Item 1: Evidence Taking Session - Securing the Future of Cardiff Bay

Paper: AC-06-01(p1)

1.1 Helen Mary Jones substituted for Dafydd Wigley. Peter Law was precluded from participating in the meeting under Standing Order 12.7. Apologies were received from Alison Halford and Lynne Neagle.

1.2 The Committee took evidence in connection with the report of the National Audit Office on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales on *Securing the Future of Cardiff Bay* which was published on 28th June 2001.

1.3 A verbatim transcript of this item will be attached as an annex to these minutes.

Witnesses

Jon Shortridge	Permanent Secretary
David Richards	Principal Finance Officer
Steve Phillips	Financial Planning Division
Emyr Roberts	Economic Policy Division

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Paper : AC-05-01(min)

2.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.

2.2 Further to item 4.4 of those minutes. The Committee considered the Finance Minister's request to extend the maximum time by which the Cabinet must respond to Audit Committee reports under Standing Order 12.5 and agreed to recommend that it be extended to 30 working days.

Agenda Item 3: Draft Audit Committee Report on Clinical Negligence in the NHS in Wales

3.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public from this part of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8.21(vi):

A Committee may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting or any part of a meeting where:

(vi) the committee is deliberating on the conclusions or recommendations of a report it proposes to publish; or is preparing itself to take evidence from any person.

3.2 Members considered the draft report and agreed its contents

3.3 The meeting closed at 16.40.