

Business Committee BC(2)29-06 (Final minutes)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 7th November 2006

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room C

Present: Jenny Randerson (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Business Minister
Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives
Business Manager

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business
Manager

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal
Democrats Business Manager

John Marek, Deputy Presiding Officer
(attending in accordance with Standing
Order 13.2)

Paul Silk, Clerk to the Assembly

Andrew George, Clerk to the Business
Committee

Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business
Unit
Adrian Crompton, Members' Research
and Committee Service

Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly
Parliamentary Service
Alun Jenkins, DLS (Agenda Item 4)

Marc Wyn Jones, Business Committee
Secretariat

Leanne Hatcher, Business Committee
Secretariat

Eve Pennant-Jones, PS to the Deputy
Presiding Officer

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 The Chair welcomed Eve Pennant-Jones, Private Secretary to the Deputy Presiding Officer, to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)27-06 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 17th October 2006

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their final format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

(ii) BC(2)28-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 24th October 2006

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. An amendment was agreed which would be incorporated into the final draft.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

3. Matters Arising

Draft Minutes BC(2)28-06

3.1 Paragraph 3.1 The Business Minister referred to the dates for Easter recess 2007 and said that the week commencing 26th March would now be the last sitting week before the recess. She said that a revised periodic timetable would be brought forward in due course.

4. Subordinate Legislation

Orders for consideration

The Cereal Seed (Wales) and Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p1)**

The Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p2)**

The Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p3)**

The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p4)**

The Healthy Start Scheme (Description of Healthy Start Food) (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p5)**

& Report of the Health and Social Services Committee – **BC(2)29-06(p15)**

The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006 – **BC(2)29-06(p6)**

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for

BC(2)29-06(p2), BC(2)29-06(p5), BC(2)29-06(p6) and recommended the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)29-06(p1), BC(2)29-06(p3) and BC(2)29-06(p4).

BC(2)29-06(p6)

4.1 The Chair referred to the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this draft Order, which said that *"No procedure is specified in the legislation nor in the Government of Wales Act 2006. Therefore, under the post-2007 arrangements we foresee that this legislation would not follow any specified procedure."* The Deputy Presiding Officer raised concerns that Members might not be notified in future of legislation which did not have a specified procedure under the parent Act and that Members would lose the power of scrutiny. Business Managers suggested that the Standing Orders Committee could look at whether a procedure for notification could be included in Standing Orders. The Business Minister said that the Government had given a commitment to notify Members of forthcoming legislation and that all subordinate legislation would be laid before the Assembly and available to Members on the Internet.

(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation

(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

The Directions to Local Health Board's as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions 2006 - **BC(2)29-06(p7)**

4.2 The Committee noted the Directions.

(d) Orders made under the Executive Procedure; Papers to note.

(e) Papers for Information

BC(2)29-06(p13)

4.3 The Committee noted the e-mail about the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills' intention to approve The National Assembly for Wales Employment Based Teacher Training Scheme (Amendment) 2006.

BC(2)29-06(p14)

4.4 The Committee noted the e-mail about the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and

Skills intention to approve the Criteria for Initial Teacher Training Accreditation by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (Amendment) 2006.

5. Committees

BC(2)29-06(p11)

5.1 The Committee noted the letter about subordinate legislation identified for scrutiny by the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee.

BC(2)29-06(p12)

5.2 The Committee noted the letter about secondary legislation identified for scrutiny by the Health and Social Services Committee.

6. Forthcoming Business

Responses to Requests

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BC(2)29-06(p8)

6.1 The Committee noted the Business Minister's responses to requests for items of business:

There was currently no intention to make a statement on the shortage of youth custodial places in Wales, as it was not a devolved issue and was a matter for the Home Secretary.

A written statement had been issued on the general financial implications of the Neath and Port Talbot Local Health Boards' agreement to refund nursing home fees (following a recent court ruling), and Local Health Boards' abilities to commission health services over the next 12 months.

A written statement had been issued on the cost of sending a delegation to the Ryder Cup.

A written statement had been issued on Tir Mynydd.

This Week's Business

BC(2)29-06(p9)

6.2 The Business Minister said that there were no changes to the week's business.

Business Managers' Requests

6.3 Jocelyn Davies asked if the following item of business could be scheduled:

A statement on the Leonard Report on Cancer Services and Cancer Research.

A statement on the relocation of the Wales Screen Commission to Cardiff.

A debate on the Graham Report on part time students.

6.4 Kirsty Williams supported the above requests and asked if the following items of business could be scheduled:

A statement on the First Great Western train service in

Wales.

A statement on the use, cost and number of Agency Nurses in Wales.

A statement on the use of ID Cards to access Public Services in Wales.

6.5 Lisa Francis supported the above requests and asked if the following items of business could be scheduled:

A statement on road safety, following research which showed that 4 out of 10 young people had been passengers in cars involved in illegal racing.

A statement on a report that two thirds of Welsh Councils were facing deficits in Adult Social Services and over a quarter were facing

deficits of over £1m.

Draft Business Statement - **BC(2)29-06(p10)**

6.6 The Business Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the organisation of the Assembly business for the weeks commencing 14 November, 21 November and 28 November.

6.7 In response to a query, the Business Minister said the date of the Queen's speech debate and the Secretary of State's attendance in a Plenary meeting, had not been finalised and she would report back to the Committee in its next meeting.

6.8 The Business Minister said that a date had not been scheduled for the debate on the final budget. However, it would be held before 10th December. She said she would report back to the Committee on the issue.

7. Advice to Assembly on procedures

8. Matters referred from plenary

9. Revisions to Standing Orders

10. Presiding Officer rulings

11. Any other business.

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