

Business Committee BC(2)30-06 (Final minutes)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 14th 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

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)28-06 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 24th 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)29-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 7th November 2006

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. As there were no comments, they would be translated before being submitted to the Committee in final draft.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

3. Matters Arising

Draft Minutes BC(2)29-06

3.1 Paragraph 3.1 The Business Minister referred to the Easter recess dates for 2007. She said that it was intended that during the week beginning 26th March only Plenary meetings and not Committee meetings would be held. Business Managers agreed to consult their groups on the issue. The Business Minister said that a revised Periodic Timetable Statement would be required and would be brought forward in the Committee's next meeting.

4. Subordinate Legislation

Orders for consideration

The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)30-06(p1)**

*& Report of the Health and Social Services Committee – **BC(2)30-06(p14)***

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No.9 and Saving) (Wales) Order 2006 – **BC(2)30-06(p2)**

The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)30-06(p3)**

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for

BC(2)30-06(p1), BC(2)30-06(p2) and recommended the Accelerated procedure for BC (2)30-06(p3).

BC(2)30-06(p2)

4.1 Lisa Francis noted that this draft Order had been notified to the Environment, Planning

and Countryside Committee. She said that it would also be relevant to the Equality of Opportunity Committee. The Business Minister said that she would notify the Chair of the Equality of Opportunity Committee about this draft Order as it might be of interest to the Committee.

(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation

(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

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

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4.2 The Committee noted the letter about the use of the Executive procedure for The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006.

BC(2)30-06(p5) & (p13)

4.3 The Committee noted the letter and the e-mail about the use of the Executive procedure for The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Wales) Regulations 2006. The Business Minister said that a typographical error had subsequently been identified in the Regulations and that legal advice was that they would need to be revoked and re-made.

(e) Papers for Information

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4.4 The Committee noted the letter about the Handling of the draft National Assembly for Wales (Disqualification) Order 2006. The Business Minister said that she had received notification from the Welsh Office that minor technical amendments might be required. She said that she would report back to the Committee if any significant changes were made.

BC(2)30-06(p10) & (p11)

4.5 The Committee noted the e-mails about the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside's intention to approve:

The Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Drainage Board
(Chairperson's Allowance) Order 2006.

The Smiths Colliery (Suspension of Public Rights of Way) Order
1979 (Revocation) Order 2006.

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4.6 The Committee noted the e-mail about the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside's intention to make The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Commencement No.4 and Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) (Wales) (Amendment No.3) Order 2006.

5. Committees

6. Forthcoming Business

Responses to Requests

6.1 Jocelyn Davies asked if the Business Minister would reconsider the request for an oral statement on job losses in the Wales Screen Commission. Lisa Francis said that the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks would be presenting a report to the next EIN Committee meeting. However she understood that the jobs would be lost within a fortnight. The Business Minister said she would consider the request.

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

A written statement had been issued on the Leonard Report on Cancer Services and Cancer Research.

A written statement had been issued on the use, cost and number of Agency Nurses in Wales.

A written statement had been issued on the relocation of the Wales Screen Commission to Cardiff.

A written statement had been issued on the First Great Western Service to West Wales.

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

A debate would be scheduled in the New Year on the Graham Report on part time students.

A written statement had been issued on the use of ID Cards to access Public Services in Wales.

There was currently no intention to make 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, as the day to day management of budgets was a matter for local authorities.

A debate would be scheduled in the New Year on the Emergency Care Strategy.

This Week's Business

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

Business Managers' Requests

6.4 Business Managers requested a statement on comments made by the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to Orders in Council and the procedures for dealing with legislation under the Government of Wales Act 2006.

6.5 Jocelyn Davies asked if the following items of business could be scheduled:

A statement on deaths resulting from Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

A debate on the effectiveness of MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements).

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

A statement on Visteon.

A statement on the Health Minister's intervention in the consultation for Powys Local Health Boards Community Services.

A statement on the Minister's intervention in the consultation on Neurosurgery.

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

A debate on the Stern Report on climate change.

A statement on Local Authority Food Hygiene Inspections.

6.8 Kirsty Williams asked if the debate on Tourism, which had been scheduled for the 22nd November could be postponed until the New Year to allow the Regional Tourism Partnerships time to consider the responses from the recent consultation on Tourism. The Business Minister said she would consider this request.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)30-06(p9)

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

November and 5 December.

6.10 The Business Minister said there were no changes to the Draft Business Statement.

6.11 The Chair said that the indicative timings for the Plenary meeting on 28th November, which included the statement by the Secretary of State and the debate on the Queen's speech, showed that the meeting would overrun. It was suggested that the debate on the Welsh Assembly's 7th Equality Annual Report could be moved.

6.12 The Chair asked when the debate on the final Budget would take place. The Business Minister said that the budget would be laid before the 10th December and that the debate would take place in due course.

6.13 The Deputy Presiding Officer requested a slot in Plenary to approve the determination on Assembly Members' allowance and on the changes to the pension scheme.

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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