

Business Committee BC(2)27-06 (Final minutes)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 17th October 2006

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room C

Present: Jenny Randerson (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Business Minister

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal
Democrats Business Manager
Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives
Business Manager

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru 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

Catherine Morris, PS to the Deputy
Presiding Officer
Leanne Hatcher, Business Committee
Secretariat

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)25-06 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 3rd 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)26-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 10th October 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

BC(2)26-06 (draft minutes)

3.1 Paragraph 3.1 The Business Minister reported back on the requirement in the Government of Wales Act 2006 for a statutory instrument to set the date of the first meeting following the 2007 elections. She said that Party Leaders were considering this issue and she would report back in the New Year.

4. Subordinate Legislation

Orders for consideration

The Education (Listed Bodies) (Wales) Order 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p1)**

The Specified Animal Pathogens (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p2)**

The Inspection of the Careers and Related Services (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p3)**

The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p4)**

& Report of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee – **BC(2)27-06(p9)**

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p5)**

& Report of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee – **BC(2)27-06(p10)**

The Regional Transport Planning (Wales) Order 2006 – **BC(2)27-06(p6)**

& Report of the Local Government and Public Services Committee – **BC(2)27-06(p11)**

Amendment to the code of practice for using plant protection products: draft paragraph 3.7.4 – **BC(2)27-06(p7)**

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (England and

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)27-06(p4) BC(2)27-06(p5) BC(2)27-06(p6) BC(2)27-06(p7) and recommended the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)27-06(p1), BC(2)27-06(p2), BC(2)27-06(p3) and BC(2)27-06(p8).

BC(2)27-06(p4)

4.1 Lisa Francis referred to paragraph 19 of the Regulatory Appraisal, which said that "*A small firms impact assessment is not planned. This is because small firms are likely to be less affected by these proposals than any other sector of the industry. The 28-day rule is not likely to present a problem to small businesses. Because they have few animals, keepers will notice lost tags quickly and replacing them will be relatively easy.*" She said that it was not clear whether a small business was determined by the number of employees or by the number of animals. The Business Minister said that this issue could be raised in the debate on the draft order.

(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation

(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

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

(e) Papers for Information

5. Committees

6. Forthcoming Business

Responses to Requests

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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 cost of out-of hours services. Members would be able to raise the issue during the Health Minister's questions.

There was currently no intention to make a statement on recent draft NICE recommendations on the prescription of osteoporosis drugs for women under the age of 75, as the recommendations were currently out for consultation, therefore it would be inappropriate for the Minister to comment until the consultation process had ended on 26 October.

A statement on delayed transfer of care.

There was currently no intention to make statements on the Home Secretary's announcement on measures to solve the overcrowding of prisons in England and Wales or on the implication for Wales of the introduction of ID cards, as both of these matters were non-devolved.

There was currently no intention to make a statement on GCSE coursework and SEN funding for gifted pupils as there was no change in policy and the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills would be reporting back to the ELLS Committee in its next meeting.

There was currently no intention to make a statement on waiting times for patients with Epilepsy. Members could write to the Minister for Health and Social Services, if they had specific cases they wished to pursue.

6.2 Jocelyn Davies asked if the Business Minister would reconsider the request for a statement on waiting times for patients with Epilepsy. She said that there was a wider problem which would not be addressed by writing to the Minister for Health and Social Services on specific cases. The Business Minister said she would consider this request.

This Week's Business

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6.3 The Business Minister said that the Minister for Enterprise, Innovations and Networks would make an oral statement in Plenary on Tuesday on G24i - New high value inward investment project for Wales.

6.4 The Business Minister said that the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport would make an oral statement in Plenary on Wednesday, on a Notifiable Transaction under Standing Order 21.23 - Cardiff County Council bid to host the UK School Games in 2009.

6.5 The Business Minister said that the motion to approve The Feeding Stuffs (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which had been scheduled for 18 October would be postponed until 8 November.

Business Managers' Requests

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

A statement on services for patients with Epilepsy.

An oral statement on delayed transfer of care.

A statement on the collapse of the "Farepak Savings Club" and the repercussions for the families who have lost their savings.

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

A statement on Digital Switchover Timings.

A debate on Class Sizes.

6.8 Lisa Francis supported the above requests and asked if the following items of business

could be scheduled:

A statement on the superbug Clostridium Difficile.

Statement on the delay of the Llanrwst, Conwy and Trefriw Flood defence schemes and any delay to similar schemes.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)27-06(p14)

6.9 The Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the organisation of the Assembly's business for the weeks commencing 24 October, 7 November and 14 November.

6.10 The Business Minister said that The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) (No2) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv) and The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No2) Order 2006 under Standing Order 24.24(iv), would be scheduled for 7 November.

6.11 The Business Minister said that the motion to approve the Local Government Settlement would be postponed from 15 November until January 2006. Jocelyn Davies said that it would be preferable to hold the debate before the end of the calendar year. The Business Minister said she would consider this request.

6.12 The Deputy Presiding Officer referred to the debate on the Annual Report of the House Committee, which was scheduled for 25 October, and asked if it could be postponed. The Business Minister said that it would be postponed until after the autumn half term and only 15 minutes would be allocated instead of 30 minutes.

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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