

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 7 February 2006

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room C

Present: Jenny Randerson (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Business Minister
Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager
Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager
Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats
John Marek, Deputy Presiding Officer

Paul Silk, Clerk to the Assembly
Andrew George, Clerk to the Business Committee
Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business Unit
Karin Phillips, 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
Louise Hull, Assistant PS to the Deputy Presiding Officer

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kirsty Williams. The Chair welcomed Peter Black who would be representing her in accordance with Standing Order 13.3. The Chair welcomed Louise Hull, assistant PS to the Deputy Presiding Officer.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

(i) BC(2)03-06 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 24th January 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)04-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 31st January 2006

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in draft. A number of amendments were agreed which would be incorporated into the final draft before it was submitted to the Committee.

Action: Chamber Secretariat

3. Matters Arising

Draft Minutes of meeting of 31st January 2006

3.1 **Paragraph 9.2** The Chair referred to the motion to suspend Standing Orders to bring forward a motion to revise Standing Orders, which had been withdrawn during Plenary on Tuesday 7th February. The Chair said that she had not been consulted before the motion to suspend Standing Orders was withdrawn. Members of the Committee said that it would be preferable if, in future, motions to revise Standing Orders were subject to the full notice period as outlined in Standing Orders. The Deputy Presiding Officer asked the Clerk to look at the procedures in relation to this issue and report back to the Committee in due course.

4. Subordinate Legislation

(a) Orders for consideration

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Commencement No.1 and Savings) (Wales) Order 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p1)**

The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p2)**

Government of Further Education Corporations (Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p5)**

The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p6)**

The Revenue Support Grant (Specified Bodies) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p7)**

The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p8)**

The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p3)**

The National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) (Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p4)**

The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)05-06(p3); BC(2)05-06(p4); BC(2)05-06(p5) and BC(2)05-06(p7); and the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)05-06(p1); BC(2)05-06(p2); BC(2)05-06(p6). The Deputy Presiding Officer subsequently determined that none of these draft Orders need be referred to a Subject Committee.

BC(2)05-06(p6)

4.1 The Chair noted that these Regulations had been notified to the Health and Social Services Committee. She said that it had been agreed by the Committee that legislation which was also relevant to the Environment, Planning and Countryside (EPC) Committee should also be notified to that Committee. Marion Stapleton said that this was usually the case. The Committee agreed to notify the EPC Committee.

BC(2)05-06(p3), BC(2)05-06(p4) and BC(2)05-06(p8)

4.2 The Committee noted that it had been determined that these draft Orders, which related to dental services, would not be made bilingually. Members of the Committee reiterated their concern that the Orders would not be available in Welsh.

(b) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation

The Further Education Corporations (Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government) (Wales) Order 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p9)**

The Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information: General Medical Services and Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2006 - **BC(2)05-06(p10)**

4.3 The Business Committee noted the legislation under Standing Order 29.

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

(d) Papers for Information

5. Committees

6. Forthcoming Business

BC(2)05-06(p11)

6.1 The Business Minister responded to requests from Business Managers and said that:-

- There was no intention of scheduling a statement on the Business Incentives Grant, but the Minister for Local Government and Public Services would notify the Local Government and Public Services Committee of the interim distribution of Local Authorities Business Growth Incentives Scheme in its next meeting.
- The Minister for Health and Social Services would be making a statement on progress towards free home care for the disabled on 15 February.
- A debate on NHS Trust Finances would be scheduled once the financial outturn figures were known at the end of this financial year.

This Week's Business

BC(2)05-06(p12)

6.2 The Committee considered this paper, which detailed the Assembly's agreed business for the week.

6.3 The Business Minister said that the statement on British Sign Language (BSL), which had been scheduled for Tuesday, had had to be postponed because of the practicalities of providing BSL interpretation in the new Chamber. The Committee agreed to refer the issue of the provision of facilities for BSL interpretation to the House Committee for urgent consideration at its meeting on 9 February.

6.4 The Business Minister said that the indicative timings for Wednesday's meeting showed that the meeting would overrun. She suggested that, if Business Managers wished, the debate on the use of B&Bs for homeless families, which had been scheduled for Wednesday 8th February, could be moved forward to Tuesday 7th February. Business Managers said they felt that it would be preferable for the debate to take place on Wednesday, and suggested that the meeting could be extended if there was a lack of time.

Business Manager's Requests

6.5 Jocelyn Davies asked if a statement could be made on WDA pensions. Business Managers supported this request.

6.6 Peter Black asked if a statement could be made on the provision of Herceptin.

6.7 Lisa Francis asked if statements could be made on the future of Wylfa power station and on child suicides in Wales.

Draft Business Statement - BC(2)04-06(p12)

6.8 The Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the organisation of the Assembly's business for the weeks commencing 14th February; 28th February and 7th March.

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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