

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)31-08

Date: Tuesday 25 November 2008

Time: 8.30 a.m.

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Carl Sargeant, Chief Whip

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

William Graham, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Committee Service

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 The Chair said that he had received apologies for absence from the Leader of the House and Kirsty Williams. He welcomed Carl Sargeant and Peter Black who were representing them, in accordance with Standing Order 10.42.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)30-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 18 November 2008

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

Action: Business Committee Secretariat

3. Forthcoming Business

This Week's Business - BC(3)31-08(p1)

3.1 Carl Sargeant said that the Minister for Rural Affairs would be making a statement on CAP Health Check, in Plenary on Tuesday. He said that it would replace the statement by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport on the Rail Programme and Re-prioritisation of the Trunk Road Forward Programme, which had been postponed to 2 December.

3.2 The Chair said that the Committee had received a request from Lorraine Barrett to postpone her Short Debate on "Action to end violence against women and the hidden effects of domestic abuse." The Committee agreed the request and noted that it would be rescheduled after the Christmas Recess.

3.3 The Committee noted that Voting Time on Tuesday and Wednesday would take place no earlier than 5pm.

3.4 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 25 and 26 November 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)31-08(p2)

3.5 The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)31-08(p3)

3.6 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

3.7 The Committee determined the organisation of non-government Business.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 William Graham said that a Member would raise the issue of a Committee to scrutinise the First Minister, in Plenary on Tuesday. The Presiding Officer said that he was aware of this and suggested that the Business Committee could consider the establishment of a Committee to scrutinise the First Minister in its next meeting.

4.2 William Graham raised the issue of the Panel of Committee Chairs. The Business Committee agreed it was a matter for Chairs if they wished to meet.

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