

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)26-09

Date: Tuesday 13 October 2009

Time: 08.00

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Carwyn Jones, Leader of the House

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

Alun Cairns, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Mandy Lewis, Office of the Leader of the House

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Sian Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Assembly Committees

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 The Presiding Officer said that apologies for absence had been received from Peter Black.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)25-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 6 October 2009

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)26-09(p1)

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

3.2 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 13 and 14 October 2009.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)26-09(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)26-09(p3)

3.4 The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 21 October 2009 -

Legislative Statement by the Presiding Officer on the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure (30 mins)

Motion to amend Standing Order 23.81 (1 min)

Wednesday 11 November 2009 -

Debate on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report 2008/09 (30 mins)

Debate on the Communities and Culture Committee's Report on the Promotion of Welsh Arts and Culture on the World Stage (60 mins)

Short Debate postponed from 8 July 2009: NDM4262 Chris Franks (South Wales West): Funding for you, your community, and Wales (30 mins)

3.5 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Organisation of Business

Paper on amending Standing Order 23.81, relating to Financial Resolutions - BC(3)26-09(p4)

4.1 The Business Committee considered and approved a technical amendment to Standing Order 23.81 which related to Financial Resolutions, and a reference to a section in the Government of Wales Act 2006. The Committee noted that a motion to amend Standing Order 23.81 would be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 21 October 2009.

5. Legislation

Covering Paper on the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure - BC(3)26-09(p5a) & Illustrative Timetable - BC(3)26-09(p5b)

5.1 The Business Committee agreed to refer the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure to a Legislative Committee for Stage 1 consideration with a deadline to report of 12 March 2010.

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