

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)10-08

Date: Tuesday 15 April 2008

Time: 8.30 a.m.

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

William Graham, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal Democrats Business Manager

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Siwan Davies, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)09-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 8 April 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)10-08(p1)

3.1 The Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place no earlier than 5pm on Wednesday for Assembly and non-government business.

3.2 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 15 and 16 April 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)10-08(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)10-08(p3)

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

A debate on Huw Lewis' Proposed **Legislative Competence Order** - Provision of Bus and Coach Services on 30 April 2008.

A debate on the Children and Young People Committee's Report into Advocacy Services for Children and Young People in Wales on 7 May 2008.

3.5 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

Paper on Amendments to Opposition Party Motions - BC(3)10-08(p4)

3.7 The Business Committee considered the paper which suggested a number of options for disposing of amendments to opposition

party motions. The Committee agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting following consultation with party groups.

4. Assembly Committees

Request from the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee to meet in Swansea and Merthyr Tydfil - BC(3)10-08(p5)

4.1 The Chair said that the Committee had received a request from the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee to meet at the Welsh Assembly Government offices, Merthyr Tydfil on Wednesday 7 May and at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea on Wednesday 21 May 2008, as part of its inquiry into presumed consent for organ donation in Wales. The Committee agreed the requests.

Request from the Enterprise and Learning Committee to meet at the Airbus Conference Centre and at Merthyr College - BC(3)10-08(p6)

4.2 The Chair said that the Committee had received a request from the Enterprise and Learning Committee to meet at the Airbus Conference Centre, Broughton on Friday, 25 April and at Merthyr College on Wednesday, 14 May. The Business Committee said that some issues needed further clarification and requested that a paper should be circulated out of committee before agreement was given. The Committee reiterated its view that Committees should seek Business Committee's agreement in advance of planning any committee activity taking place offsite or outside the main committee timetable.

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