

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)18-09

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2009

Time: 08.30

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

Nick Bourne, Welsh Conservatives

Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats Business Manager

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Committee Service

Sian Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 The Presiding Officer said that he had received apologies for absence from Alun Cairns. He welcomed Nick Bourne who was substituting for him in accordance with Standing Order 10.42.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)17-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 9 June 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)18-09(p1)

3.1 The Leader of the House said that the following statements would be made in Plenary on Tuesday:

Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Measles Update; and

Legislative Statement by the Minister for Heritage on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and other Fields) Order 2009.

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

3.3 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 16 and 17 June 2009.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)18-09(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)18-09(p3)

3.5 The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following debates:

Stage 3 Standing Order 23.57 Debate on the Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure;

Stage 4 Standing Order 23.58 motion to approve the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure; and

Debate on Joyce Watson's Proposed Legislative Competence Order on Hard Surfaces.

3.6 Nick Bourne noted that these additional items would have an impact on the amount of time available for opposition time. The Presiding Officer said that the Business Committee had agreed that at least one hour would be available for opposition debates each week.

3.7 Nick Bourne referred to the allocation of time for questions to the Counsel General and said that the full allocation was never used. He asked if consideration could be given to changing the allocation. It was noted that timing was indicative and that any changes were a matter for the Government.

3.8 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

Covering paper on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and other fields) Order 2009 - BC(3)17-09(p4a)

Illustrative Timetable - BC(3)17-09(p4b)

4.1 The Business Committee agreed to refer the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and other fields) Order 2009 to Legislation Committee 4, with a deadline to report of 6 November 2009.

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