

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)15-08

Date: Tuesday 20 May 2008

Time: 8.30 a.m.

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Rosemary Butler, Deputy 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

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Presiding Officer. The Deputy Presiding Officer chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)14-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 13 May 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)15-08(p1)

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

A statement by the Deputy Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport on the Freight Strategy for Wales.

A statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on the recent concerns regarding Gwent Healthcare Trust's Maternity Services.

The Leader of the House said that these statements would replace the statement by the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing on Sustainable Development which had been postponed to 3 June; and the statement on Flood Risk Management and the Pitt Review which would be made in Plenary on Wednesday.

3.2 The Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place no earlier than 4.30pm for Government business on Tuesday and for Assembly and non-government business on Wednesday.

3.3 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 20 and 21 May 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)15-08(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)15-08(p3)

3.5 The Committee agreed to schedule the following items of Assembly and non-government business on 4 June:

Motion to elect a Member to the Equality of Opportunity Committee.

Motion to elect Trustees of the National Assembly for Wales Members' Pension Scheme.

Debate on the Enterprise and Learning Committee's Report on Skills that Work for Wales.

3.6 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

Paper requesting to extend the deadline for the Proposed Mental Health Services LCO Committee to report - BC(3)15-08(p4)

4.1 The Business Committee considered the request from the Chair of the Proposed Mental Health Services LCO Committee to extend the deadline for the Committee to report. The Chair said that the one week extension of the deadline to 20 June 2008 was being sought to allow the Legislative Committee sufficient time to consider outstanding issues. The Business Committee agreed the proposal. The Chair said that the revised timetable would be laid before the Assembly

5. Assembly Committees

Request from the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee to meet in Rhyl - BC(3)15-08(p5)

5.1 The Business Committee agreed in principle for the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee to hold a formal meeting on the morning of Thursday 5 June as part of its inquiry into presumed consent for organ donation. In relation to travelling to off-site meetings, or participating in visits, the Business Committee felt that Members should be reminded that they should give priority to Assembly Business. It was agreed that Business Managers would discuss this issue with their Members. The Committee also asked that committee clerks should bear this in mind when making arrangements and remind Members of the Business Committee's view as appropriate.

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