

# Business Committee

## Minutes BC(3)27-09

**Date:** Tuesday 20 October 2009

**Time:** 08.00

**Venue:** Meeting Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Corporate Unit

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Carwyn Jones, Leader of the House

Nerys Evans, Plaid Cymru

Alun Cairns, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Peter Black, Welsh Liberal Democrats 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

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 Jocelyn Davies. The Committee welcomed Nerys Evans to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

#### (i) BC(3)26-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 13 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)27-09(p1)

3.1 The Leader of the House said that the Minister for Rural Affairs would be making a Legislative Statement on the proposed Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure in Plenary on Tuesday.

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

3.3 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 20 and 21 October 2009.

#### 3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)27-09(p2)

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

#### 3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)27-09(p3)

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

#### Wednesday 4 November 2009 -

Motion to change the name of the Audit Committee (15 mins)

Motion to Annul the Tuberculosis Eradication (Wales) Order 2009 (15 mins)

#### Wednesday 11 November 2009 -

Debate on the Equality of Opportunity Committee's Report on Home Maintenance and Adaptations Services for Older People in Wales (60 mins)

Debate on the Enterprise and Learning Committee's Report on their inquiry into Casualty Reduction and Trunk Road Management (60 mins)

3.6 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

#### **4. Legislation**

##### **Covering Paper from the Minister on the Proposed Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure - BC(3)27-09 (p4a) & Illustrative Timetable - BC(3)27-09 (p4b) & Paper from Legislation Office - BC(3)27-09 (p6)**

4.1 The Business Committee agreed to refer the proposed Measure to Legislation Committee 3 for Stage 1 consideration with a deadline to report of 18 December 2009.

##### **Covering Paper from the Minister on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010 - BC(3)27-09 (p5a) & Illustrative Timetable - BC(3)27-09 (p5b) & Paper from Legislation Office - BC(3)27-09 (p6)**

4.2 The Business Committee agreed to refer the Order to Legislation Committee 4 with a deadline to report of 22 January 2010.

##### **Letter from the Chair of Legislation Committee 1: Actions from the recent meeting of Legislation Committee Chairs - BC(3)27-09(p7)**

4.3 The Committee discussed a letter from the Chair of Legislation Committee 1. Legislation Committee Chairs met to discuss issues that had arisen since the establishment of the permanent committees and had asked the Business Committee to consider the timetabling of legislation. The Committee agreed that the Presiding Officer should explore the issues raised with the Leader of the House before the Committee returned to it at an appropriate time.

##### **Letter from the Chair of the Legislation Committee No.5: Members attendance at Legislation Committee No.5 on 1 October 2009 - BC(3)27-09(p8)**

4.4 The Committee discussed a letter from the Chair of Legislation Committee No 5 regarding Members attendance at its meeting on 1 October 2009. Business Managers said that Members should give priority to attendance at Committee meetings and that Business Managers made every effort to send a substitute when a Member's absence was unavoidable.

#### **5. Committees**

##### **Paper on the Audit Committee - Change of Name - BC(3)27-09(p9)**

5.1 The Business Committee agreed to table a motion to change the name of the Audit Committee to the Public Accounts Committee. The motion would be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 4 November.

##### **Letter from Alun Davies: Public Broadcasting in Wales - BC(3)27-09(p10)**

5.2 The Business Committee discussed a letter from Alun Davies asking the Committee to consider nominating a committee of Members to work with the Welsh Affairs Select Committee to discuss the future of public service broadcasting in Wales. The Committee agreed that it would be appropriate for the Communities and Culture Committee to undertake this work should it so wish, and agreed to forward the correspondence to the Chair of that Committee

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