

# Business Committee

## Minutes BC(3)11-07

**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007

**Time:** 8.30 a.m.

**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

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

Andrew George, Clerk to the Business Committee

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Marc Wyn Jones, Business Committee Secretariat

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

### 1. Apologies & announcements

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

#### (i) BC(3)10-07 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007

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)11-07(p1)

3.1 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

3.2 The Leader of the House said that the Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on Renal Dialysis, which had been scheduled for Wednesday, would be postponed to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2007.

3.3 The Leader of the House said that the Minister for Health and Social Services would be making an oral statement in Plenary on Wednesday on Palliative Care.

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

#### 3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)11-07(p2)

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

#### 3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)11-07(p3)

3.6 The Committee agreed that a debate seeking the Assembly's leave to introduce a Member proposed Measure by Mike German, for School Closures (Consultation and Categories) would be scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

3.7 The Committee determined the Assembly Business.

3.8 The Committee determined the Non-Government Business.

#### **4. Assembly Committees**

##### **Proposed Additional Learning Needs Legislative Competence Order - BC(3)11-07(p4)**

4.1 The Business Committee considered the request by the Chair of the Proposed Additional Learning Needs Legislative Committee to extend the deadline for the Committee to report. The Chair said that the one week extension of the deadline to 30 November was being sought to allow the Legislative Committee to utilise its meeting on 22 November to finalise its report. The Business Committee agreed the proposal.

##### **Letter from Chair of the Petitions Committee - BC(3)11-07(p5)**

4.2 The Committee considered the letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee, asking for a Plenary debate to be held on presumed consent for organ donation. The Chair said that the petition had been referred to the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee for consideration. The Business Committee agreed to return to the issue once consideration had taken place.

#### **5. Any other business**

5.1 The Committee agreed that a motion to establish a North Wales Regional Committee would be scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007. The Business Committee agreed that the North Wales Regional Committee should meet no more than once per term.

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**