

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)05-10

Date: Tuesday 9 February 2010

Time: 08.30

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)
Jane Hutt, Minister for Business and Budget
Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager
Alun Cairns, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager
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
Sian Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services
Sulafa Halstead, Head of Assembly Committees
Anna Daniel, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)04-10 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 2 February 2010

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)05-10(p1)

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

3.2 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 9 and 10 February 2010.

3.3 The Committee agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to bring forward the following items of business on Wednesday 10 February:

Nomination by the Assembly of an Auditor General for Wales

Motion to elect members to committees

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)05-10(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)05-10(p3)

3.4 The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following item of business:

Wednesday 10 March 2010 -

Debate on the Finance Committee's report on 'Funding Road Infrastructure' (60 mins)

3.5 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

(i) Covering paper from the Minister on the Proposed Waste (Wales) Measure - BC(3)05-10(p4a); Illustrative timetable - BC(3)05-10(p4b)

4.1 The Business Committee considered a paper on the proposed Waste (Wales) Measure. The Committee agreed the deadline to report of 25 June 2010.

(ii) Paper from the Assembly Legislation Office regarding the options for the referral of forthcoming government legislation to legislation committees - BC(3)05-10(p5)

4.2 The Business Committee considered a paper from the Assembly Legislation Office regarding the options for referral of the proposed Waste measure and the forthcoming proposed measures relating to the Welsh language and mental health services. The Committee agreed to refer the measures as follows:

Legislation Committee No.4 - the proposed Waste (Wales) Measure

Legislation Committee No.2 - the proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure;

LC3 - the proposed Measure relating to mental health services.

(iii) Timetable for scrutiny of proposed Legislative Competence Orders:

Report of Legislation Committee No.2 on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing and Local Government) Order 2010 - BC(3)05-10(p6a);

Report of Legislation Committee No.3 on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Transport) Order 2010 - BC(3)05-10(p6b);

Report of Legislation Committee No.4 on the proposed The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010 - BC(3)05-10(p6c)

4.3 The Business Committee considered letters from the Chairs of Legislation Committee 2, 3 and 4 regarding the deadlines they were given for reporting on the Housing and Local Government, Transport and Education Orders respectively. The Committee noted the recommendations and agreed to consider it further in the light of the Counsel General's review of the legislative process.

5. Committees

(i) (Request from the European and External Affairs Committee to hold a formal meeting in Brussels on 1 March 2010 - BC(3)05-10(p7)

5.1 The Business Committee agreed the request.

6. Other Business

(i) Covering paper regarding the suspension of Standing Order 2.20 for the debate on the All Wales Convention - BC(3)05-10(p8a); Draft Report of the Business Committee - BC(3)05-10(p8b)

6.1 This item was withdrawn.

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