

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 7 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.06

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siwan Davies, Deputy Chief Executive and Clerk and Director of Senedd Business Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the meeting. Apologies were received by Jane Dodds and David Rees



2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for publication

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This week's business

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes:

- ~~Statement by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change: Bus Reform (30 mins) *To be issued as a Written Statement*~~
- ~~Statement by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Well-being: Update on the Dementia Action Plan (30 mins) *Postponed*~~
- Statement by the Minister for Economy – Investment Zones (30 mins)
- ~~Statement by the Minister for Economy: Recognising the contribution events make to Wales (30 mins) *Postponed*~~
- Statement by the Minister for Economy – Tata Steel (30 mins)
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Debate: Remembrance (60 mins)

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.05pm.

Heledd Fychan asked when the postponed oral statements on the 'Dementia Action Plan' and the 'contribution events make to Wales' will take place. The Trefnydd confirmed that they will be rescheduled in the new year.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following changes to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business:

Tuesday 14 November 2023

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Economy: The Economy of the Northern Valleys (30 mins) – postponed~~
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Children’s Rights (30 mins)
Brought forward from 21 November
- Debate: Stage 4 of the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

Tuesday 21 November 2023

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Building Safety (30 mins) – postponed until 28 November~~
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Reform of the School Year (30 mins)
- ~~Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Children’s Rights (30 mins) – brought forward to 14 November~~
- The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 and Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Wales) Order 2015 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (10 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

The following additions were agreed to the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 22 November 2023 –

- ~~Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Mark Isherwood (60 mins)~~
Postponed until 6 December

- Debate on Petition P-06-1356: Introduce comprehensive safety measures at the A477 'Fingerpost' junction (30 mins)

Wednesday 29 November 2023 -

- Statement by Sam Rowlands: Introduction of a Member Proposed Bill - The Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report - Wales-Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age (60 mins)
- Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report - Operation of interim environmental protection measures 2022-23 (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: James Evans (Brecon and Radnorshire) (30 mins)

4 Any other business

King's Speech

The Trefnydd informed Business Committee that the Government aims to publish a Written Statement containing an early analysis of items expected to be of interest to the Senedd as soon as possible following today's King's Speech.

Publication of Emergency and Topical Questions

The Llywydd notified Business Managers that the necessary development work has now been completed and that, from this week, all Emergency and Topical Questions will be published on the Record website by the end of the week in which they were considered.

The Llywydd asked Business Managers to remind their groups that updated Guidance on the Proper Conduct of Senedd Business, including in relation to Topical Questions, was published and circulated to Members on 20 October.