

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 30 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.21

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	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siwan Davies, Deputy Chief Executive and Clerk and Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service 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.

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

Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.15pm.

Darren Millar and Heledd Fychan requested an oral statement on Gilestone Farm following the written statement issued on 29 January. The Trefnydd indicated that the Government would consider the request.

Wednesday

The Llywydd informed Business Managers of the following changes:

- ~~Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee's Annual Report on International Relations 2022–23 (60 mins)~~
Postponed until 28 February
- Debate on Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report: Challenges facing the creative industry workforce in Wales (60 min) *Re-scheduled from 24 January*
- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.50pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 20 February 2024

- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: The Welsh Benefits System and Charter (30 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 28 February 2024 –

- Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee's Annual Report on International Relations 2022–23 (60 mins) *Re-scheduled from 31 January*
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Mark Isherwood (North Wales) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Stage 2 of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill): allocation of meeting slots

Business Committee considered the allocation of meeting slots to a Committee of the Whole Senedd for Stage 2 proceedings on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill, should the relevant motions be agreed on 30 and 31 January.

Following discussion, during which Darren Millar expressed concern about Stage 2 proceedings taking place on the same day as the debate on the Final Budget 2024–25,

Business Committee agreed to allocate meeting slots after the conclusion of Plenary on 5 March and 6 March to the Committee of the Whole Senedd for Stage 2 proceedings on the Bill.

The Trefnydd indicated that Government business on 5 March would be limited to essential items.

The Committee also agreed:

- that non-government business for Plenary on Wednesday 6 March be limited to Questions to the Senedd Commission, Topical Questions, 90 Second Statements, and the Short Debate;
- to consider nearer the time whether Plenary should start earlier on 5 and 6 March;
- to allocate a meeting slot to the Committee of the Whole Senedd immediately after Plenary on 20 February for the purposes of considering any motion proposed by the Llywydd, as Chair of the Committee of the Whole Senedd, in respect of the order of consideration for Stage 2 proceedings on the Bill.

4.2 Update on LCMs

Business Committee agreed to refer the SLCM on the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 15 March 2024.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee requesting a debate slot

Business Committee agreed the request to hold a debate on petition P-06-1367 Fund the removal of quarry rocks and the restoration of sand and groynes to Llandudno North Shore, and for the secretariat to agree a suitable date for the debate with the Petitions Committee.