

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Virtual via Zoom

Meeting date: 20 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.28

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Elin Jones MS, Llywydd
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS 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 Siân Wilkins, Head of Procedures and Parliamentary Skills Llinos Madeley, Clerk – Procedures and Parliamentary Skills Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

In accordance with Standing Order 6.18, the Deputy Presiding Officer chaired the meeting at the request of the Llywydd.

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

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following change:

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Special measures at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – one year on (45 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer informed Business Managers that immediately following Plenary, the Committee of the Whole Senedd will convene briefly to consider a motion to agree the Order of Consideration for Stage 2 proceedings on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill.

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 27 February 2024

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Special measures at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – one year on (45 mins) brought forward to 20 February~~
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: The LGBTQ+ Action Plan (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: Second Homes and Affordability (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change: The Welsh Government's Response to the North Wales Transport Commission (30 mins)

Heledd Fychan requested an oral statement on investment in education and the training of healthcare professionals, following the written statement issued by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 14 February. The Trefnydd indicated that the Government would consider the request.

Darren Millar requested an oral statement on the Sustainable Farming Scheme. The Trefnydd indicated that an oral statement would not be scheduled until a consultation on the Scheme had closed on 7 March, and that Members should encourage anyone interested in the design of the Scheme to take the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 13 March 2024 –

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee report: Town Centre Regeneration (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Hefin David (Caerphilly) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Response from the Local Government and Housing Committee regarding the timetables for the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill and the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

Business Committee agreed revised timetables for scrutiny of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill and the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill.

4.2 Note on the role of Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

The Committee noted the paper.

4.3 Note on the process for appointment of a Counsel General

The Committee noted the paper.

4.4 Update on LCMs

Business Committee received an update on LCMs and agreed to:

- refer the supplementary LCM on the Automated Vehicles Bill laid on 13 February 2024 to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 19 April 2024;
- revise the reporting period for memoranda laid in relation to the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill, with a new reporting deadline of 8 March 2024;
- revise the reporting period for memoranda laid in relation to the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill, with a new reporting deadline of 8 March 2024.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Equality and Social Justice Committee requesting an extension to their meeting on 26 February

Business Committee agreed the request for the Equality and Social Justice Committee to meet at an earlier time on 26 February.

6 Procedural Work

6.1 Committee Chair Job Sharing

The Business Committee considered a paper on Committee Chair Job Sharing and agreed to hold a further discussion at the next meeting, following discussions with party groups.