

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 4 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.01 – 09.12

Remote / Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Russell George MS Jane Hutt MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siân Wilkins, Head of Procedures and Parliamentary Skills 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. Russell George attended in the place of Darren Millar.

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 informed Business Managers of the following changes:

- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Debate: The Infected Blood Inquiry Report (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Care: Transforming Children's Services (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for North Wales and Transport: Transforming Rail: Update on the delivery of the South Wales Metro and the Fleet Upgrade Programme (30 mins)
- Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)
- Debate: The Steel Industry in Wales (60 mins)

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.40pm

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.40pm

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she has approved a proxy voting arrangement for Jack Sargeant due to parental leave, effective from 4 June 2024 to 28 June 2024. The proxy vote will be held by Vikki Howells.

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 11 June 2024

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: A sustainable Welsh marine environment (45 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport: D Day and armed forces week (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Partnership: The retail sector – contributing to Wales’ economic mission (45 mins)

Tuesday 18 June 2024

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Refugee week: our home (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Partnership: Creative Wales skills update (45 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (60 mins)
 - The general principles of The Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill
 - The financial resolution in respect of The Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers that Stage 3 of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill has been postponed until 2 July.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 12 June 2024 –

- Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board (5 mins)
- ~~Short Debate: Joel James MS (South Wales Central) (30 mins)~~ *Withdrawn*

Wednesday 26 June 2024 –

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Debate on Petition P-06-1437: Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal Commission (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Heledd Fychan MS (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

The Llywydd asked Business Managers to remind their groups that the deadline for tabling motions to be considered for the Member Debate on 19 June is 5pm on Thursday, 6 June.

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Business Committee considered and noted updates on UK Bills on which legislative consent had been sought, and which had now either received Royal Assent or had fallen upon the dissolution of the UK Parliament. The Committee agreed to rescind all existing reporting deadlines for committees on legislative consent memoranda.

5 Committees

5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – request for a debate slot

Business Committee agreed to schedule a debate on petition *P-06-1437: Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal*

Commission on Wednesday 26 June. Business Committee agreed to consider the length of the debate closer to the time.

6 Any other business

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that drop-in sessions will be held around Plenary on 12 and 19 June to provide an early opportunity for Members to share their initial thoughts or expectations concerning the Business Committee's programme of procedural reviews arising from Senedd Reform. Views expressed will be taken into consideration in the development of a draft Terms of Reference for the work that will be presented to Business Committee prior to the summer recess.