

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 5 November 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.25

Remote/ Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	David Rees MS (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk 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 Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from the Llywydd. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Presiding Officer.



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

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 19 November 2024

- The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 (5 mins)
- Debate: The Holodomor (60 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 27 November 2024 –

- Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Development Bank of Wales (60 minutes)
- Debate on the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee report: Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22 (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Delyth Jewell (South Wales East) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Timetable for the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill

Business Committee agreed to refer the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill to the Finance Committee for consideration of the general principles, and to consult with the Finance Committee on the proposed timetable for scrutiny and return to the matter at a future meeting.

4.2 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding reporting deadlines for legislative consent memoranda

Business Committee considered the letter and agreed to extend the reporting deadlines for the following LCMs to 10 January 2025:

- Great British Energy Bill
- Water (Special Measures) Bill
- Renters' Rights Bill
- Product Regulation and Metrology Bill

Business Committee also discussed the merit of setting initial reporting deadlines on LCMs to coincide with the likely end date of scrutiny in the first House of the UK Parliament to which the relevant Bill is introduced, as proposed by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee. Business Committee agreed that Senedd and Welsh Government officials would further consider the practicalities of adopting this approach.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee requesting a Statement in Plenary

Business Committee considered a request from the Finance Committee for a Committee Chair's Statement to be scheduled in Plenary to report back on the Committee's *Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales*. Business Managers considered that a debate would be more appropriate and agreed to respond to the Finance Committee to request that it consider scheduling a debate instead.

6 Tabling arrangements

6.1 Christmas Recess Tabling Arrangements

Business Committee confirmed the proposed arrangements for

- laying documents during the Christmas period;
- tabling Plenary business for the first week of term; and
- tabling of Written Questions during Christmas recess.