

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 10 June 2025

Meeting time: 08.59 – 09.12

Private, Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Paul Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt 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 Matthew Richards, Interim 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. No apologies were received.



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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 that the statement on Ill-Health Prevention will now be issued as a written statement and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care's Oral Questions on Wednesday will be answered by the Minister for Children and Social Care and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Business Committee noted the following change to Tuesday's business:

- ~~Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Ill-Health Prevention (45 mins)~~ *Written statement*
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.15pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.45pm.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she has agreed to a request for a proxy vote for reasons of long-term illness from Rhianon Passmore MS. The arrangement will be in place between 10 June 2025 and 30 September 2025 and Jane Hutt MS will hold the proxy vote.

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 17 June 2025

- ~~Statement by the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing: NHS Wales App Update (45 mins)~~ *Postponed*

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

Wednesday 2 July 2025 -

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Holyhead Port storm damage and closure – Initial findings (60 minutes)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Julie Morgan MS (Cardiff North) (30 mins)

3.4 Open Debates: Selection of Motion for Debate

Heledd Fychan MS declared an interest as she had tabled one of the proposals for consideration. Business Committee considered the motions and agreed to schedule the following motion on 18 June 2025:

Heledd Fychan: NNDM8914 Arts and Culture – nice to have or integral to the future of Wales?

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Business Committee considered an update from the Trefnydd and agreed to:

- Refer the LCM on Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 19 September 2025.

5 Any other business

Options for future scrutiny of UK Covid Inquiry reports

The Llywydd updated Business Managers on a discussion with the Chairs' Forum concerning the Business Committee's consideration of options for future scrutiny of UK Covid Inquiry reports. She also noted that she has written to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to ask that Committee to consider leading on scrutiny of the Module 1 & 2 reports of the UK Covid Inquiry. The Committee's response will be brought to Business Committee for consideration when received.

The Llywydd proposed that the Business Committee may wish to lay a short report containing its proposed way forward once this has been agreed, and to hold a debate in Plenary on a motion to note both that report and the Wales Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee's report on its consideration of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1.