

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 18 November 2025

Meeting time: 08.57 – 09.02

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) Steffan Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Marc Wyn Jones, 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

Business Committee noted the following change:

- Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Storm Claudia (45 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 8.00pm.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.20pm.

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 2 December 2025

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (30 mins)
 - The Climate Change (Carbon Budget) (Wales) Regulations 2025

- The Climate Change (Net Welsh Emissions Account Credit Limit) (Wales) Regulations 2025
- The Carbon Accounting (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Heledd Fychan sought confirmation, that the Minister for Further and Higher Education would be making a statement in the Senedd on the future of the tertiary education sector, as had been indicated by the Trefnydd during last week's Business Statement and Announcement in Plenary.

The Trefnydd confirmed that it is her intention to add the statement to the agenda for Plenary on 25 November, subject to Cabinet agreement.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Managers agreed to schedule the following business:

Wednesday 10 December 2025 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Adam Price (60 mins)
- Debate on petition P-06-1534 End corridor care in Wales (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Carolyn Thomas MS (North Wales) (30 mins)

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee requesting a debate

The Business Committee considered the request and agreed to schedule a debate on petition *P-06-1534 End corridor care in Wales* in Plenary on 10 December.

4.2 Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding the scrutiny of gaps identified by the Wales

COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee and the UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Module 2

The Business Committee noted the letter, and the First Minister's confirmation that she will attend a formal evidence session with the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee in January 2026.

5 Tabling arrangements

5.1 Christmas Recess Tabling Arrangements

The Business Committee confirmed the proposed arrangements for:

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