

Concise Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 March 2026

Meeting time: 09.32 – 10.01

Private, Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Elin Jones MS (Chair) Paul Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt MS
Committee Staff:	Alun Davidson, Clerk Steffan Lewis, Deputy Clerk
Others in attendance:	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Graeme Francis, Head of Chamber Secretariat and Clerk to the Business Committee Helen Finlayson, Clerk for Legislative Procedural Review Sarah Sargent, Clerk Catrin Davies, Welsh Government Anthony Cooper, Welsh Labour Jennifer Ramsay, Welsh Conservatives Francess Ifans, Plaid Cymru



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2026

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3 Guidance changes

3.1 Guidance on the interpretation and application of admissibility criteria

The Committee considered and noted the guidance.

The Trefnydd raised the following points:

- On identical amendments, the Government raised past experiences of Government amendments being deemed as inadmissible, and welcomed the guidance on the further options available in these circumstances.
- On the scope and relevance of Bills, the Government raised past experiences of being concerned that determining the relevance of amendments had not been consistent with the rules of scope.

4 ‘Reconsideration’ of Bills passed or rejected by a previous Senedd

Business Managers considered the paper and report and agreed:

- that there is insufficient time remaining in the Sixth Senedd to give full consideration to the issue raised by the Welsh Government;
- to recommend that the Seventh Senedd keeps this matter under review; and
- to publish a report on the ‘reconsideration’ of Bills passed or rejected by a previous Senedd.

5 The Business Committee's Legacy Report

The Committee considered the draft legacy report and agreed to return to consideration of the report at a future meeting, following requested revisions.