

Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ Hywel**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 10 June 2014**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.40**

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National
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Wales



Minutes:

Committee Members:

David Melding (Chair)
Paul Davies
Lesley Griffiths
Elin Jones
Aled Roberts

Committee Staff:

Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

**Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation
Committee Service**
Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service
Craig Stephenson, Chief Adviser to the Presiding Officer
Peter Greening, Welsh Government

1 Apologies & announcements

The Presiding Officer sent her apologies as she was away on a civic engagement in Georgia.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, the Business Committee agreed that voting on the Queen's Speech debate would be taken at the end of the item and all other votes would be taken before the Short Debate.

Business Managers noted a paper on the arrangements for the Secretary of State's attendance at Plenary on Wednesday, as part of the debate on the UK Government's legislative programme (Queen's Speech).

Elin Jones raised concerns over naming Members and candidates in the text of a motion or amendment. Officials agreed to raise this with the Presiding Officer on her return.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business

Business Committee determined the organisation of business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 2 July 2014

- Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Higher Education Funding (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

- Short Debate – Peter Black (South Wales West) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

Business Committee agreed in principle to refer the Domestic Abuse, Gender-based Violence and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee for Stage 1 consideration.

Business Managers agreed to defer a decision on the Bill's timetable until two weeks' time, to allow for consultation with the CELG.

4.1 Domestic Abuse, Gender-based Violence and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill

Business Managers noted a letter from the Environment and Sustainability Committee stating that they feel the content of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill relates more to Constitutional and Legislative Affairs and as such they do not intend reporting on the LCM.