

# Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 21 October 2014**

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Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.45**

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Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



**Minutes:** Private

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**Committee Members:**

**Dame Rosemary Butler (Chair)**  
**Paul Davies**  
**Jane Hutt**  
**Elin Jones**  
**Aled Roberts**

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**Committee Staff:**

**Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)**

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**Others in attendance:**

**Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation  
Committee Service**  
**Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service**  
**Craig Stephenson**  
**Peter Greening, Welsh Government**

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## 1 Apologies & announcements

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Presiding Officer.

## 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**

The Minister for Finance and Government Business updated the Committee on changes to Government Business on Tuesday.

Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### **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 19 November 2014 –**

- Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2015/16 (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Darren Millar (Clwyd West) (30 mins)

### **4 Committees**

#### **4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee: Request for further time for Stage 1 scrutiny**

Business Managers agreed a request from the Environment and Sustainability Committee to hold additional meetings on non-business days or during the Christmas recess period to allow further time for Stage 1 scrutiny.

#### **4.2 Public Accounts Committee: Request to visit Dublin**

Business Managers agreed a request from the Public Accounts Committee to visit the Dail's Public Accounts Committee in Dublin on Wednesday 19 November – Thursday 20 November 2014.

#### 4.3 The Standards of Conduct Committee's Report on Registration and Declaration of Members' Interests

Business Managers agreed to consult with their groups and return to the question of whether to agree in principle to the Standards of Conduct Committee's recommendations at their meeting on 11 November 2014.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Welsh Government will be laying an LCM on the Consumer Rights Bill on Tuesday 21 October. However, it is unlikely there will be time for the full five week scrutiny by Committee as the provisions have been introduced by amendment in the second House. The Minister alerted Business Committee that a formal paper will be brought to the next meeting.