

Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 2 December 2014**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 09.00**

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Minutes: Private

Committee Members:

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

Committee Staff:

Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer
Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service
Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service
Craig Stephenson, Interim Director of Commission Services
Peter Greening, Welsh Government

1 Apologies & announcements

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, Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

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 10 December 2014 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

NNDM5636

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Supports the principles of the Assisted Dying Bill.

The Assisted Dying Bill is available at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

Wednesday 21 January 2015 –

- Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's report on Tourism (60 mins)

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Business Committee agreed to re-schedule the following item of business from 10 December 2014 to a future meeting:

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NNDM5630

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

a) women have made a huge contribution to the working life of Wales and continue to be a vital part of the Welsh economy;

b) it is nearly 100 years since women got the vote and nearly 40 years since the Equal Pay Act;

c) the Welsh Government has an important part to play in ensuring that there is not institutional discrimination present in the workplace.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government not to award any procurement contracts or Welsh Government grant monies to any company that does not have any female directors on their board.

4 Committees

4.1 Agreeing the membership of an Assembly Committee

Business Committee considered issues with regards to agreeing the membership of the Assembly Committee to consider the protection of children from battery inflicted on grounds of reasonable punishment.

Business Managers agreed in principle to table a motion under Standing Order 17.3 to establish the membership of the Committee. By means of weighted voting in accordance with Standing Order 11.5(ii), Business Managers voted in favour of a membership comprising of 2 Labour Members and a representative of each of the other party groups, and for the Committee to be chaired by a Labour Member. Labour and the Welsh Liberal Democrats voted in favour of the committee membership, while the Welsh Conservatives and Plaid Cymru voted against.

However, by means of weighted voting in accordance with Standing Order 11.5(iv), Business Managers voted against scheduling a debate on the motion. Labour and the Welsh Liberal Democrats voted in favour of scheduling a debate on the motion, while the Welsh Conservatives and Plaid Cymru voted against.

5 Plenary

5.1 Christmas Recess Tabling Arrangements

Business Committee approved the proposed tabling arrangements for the Christmas recess period.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Minister informed the Business Committee that although it is not on the Business Statement yet, the Welsh Government will be scheduling a debate on the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 on 20th January 2015. As there will be a shorter period than usual available to scrutinise the Regulations, the Minister for Public Services has written to Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee (CLAC) and has had a response. The debate will be added to the Business Statement for next week's meeting, once the Minister is able to share a draft of the Regulations with CLAC.