

Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 3 March 2015**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.40**

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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, 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

The Minister for Finance and Government Business updated the Committee on changes to Government Business on Wednesday. Members queried why the Minister for Natural Resources' Statement on Climate Change had been withdrawn.

Business Managers noted that voting on all items of business other than Stage 3 would take place before Stage 3 proceedings begin on Tuesday, and that all votes in relation to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill would take place during Stage 3 proceedings.

The Presiding Officer informed Business Managers that she intended to suspend proceeding for a ten minute break before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

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 25 March 2015

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
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- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Health and Social Care Committee: Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill

The Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee (HSC) wrote to the Business Committee to request an extension of the deadline for Stage 1 consideration of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill to allow them to hear more evidence.

Business Managers agreed the proposed extension of the deadlines to complete Stage 1 proceedings from 10 April 2015 to 8 May 2015 and with an associated extension for the Committee to complete any possible Stage 2 proceedings from 5 June 2015 to 17 July 2015.

4.2 Paper to note – Letter from the Public Accounts Committee: Extended meeting time

Business Managers noted the intention of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to start some meetings earlier than their usual 9am time slot in order to conclude an inquiry the Committee had agreed to undertake before Easter.

Any Other Business

The Minister for Government Business informed Business Managers that there may be an LCM scheduled for debate in Plenary on Tuesday 17 March on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill in relation to non-discrimination against NHS whistle-blowers. The Government will bring forward a paper on the LCM for the Business Committee's consideration next week.