

Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 24 March 2015**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.40**

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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, 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 22 April 2015 –

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

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Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

William Graham (South Wales East)

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)

William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to

- a) Instigate a moratorium on opencast mining across Wales, in order to ascertain whether planning law and current guidance provides sufficient protection for communities affected by opencast mining;
- b) Respond to the Research into the Failure to Restore Opencast Coal Sites in South Wales, stating specifically how it might address concerns about the workability of MTAN2 and the 500m buffer zone; and

c) Support affected local authorities to make legal challenges, where required, when pursuing restoration.

- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)~~

Wednesday 29 April 2015

- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- ~~Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)~~

Wednesday 6 May 2015

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

4 Legislation

4.1 Legislative Consent Motions – UK Legislative Programme 2014–15

Business Managers noted the paper brought forward by the Minister for Government outlining the Welsh Government's final assessment of the UK Government's legislative programme for the fourth session of this Parliament.