

# Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 19 May 2015**

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Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.43**

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Cynulliad  
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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:**

**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**

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## 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.

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

As a result of Byron Davies's resignation, his name has been removed from the Short Debate slot for 3 June. The Table Office conducted an additional ballot on Monday 18 May and Rhun ap Iorwerth will now have a Short Debate on that day.

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

#### **Wednesday 17 June 2015 –**

- Motion to amend Standing Orders 2, 13 and 17 in relation to the Registration and Declaration of Members' Interests and Standing Orders 17 and 22 in relation to the Membership of the Standards of Conduct (5 mins)
- Motion to approve the Guidance for Assembly Members on the Registration, Declaration and Recording of Financial and Other Interests and adopt the revised Code of Conduct (15 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
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- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 The Public Health (Wales) Bill**

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Public Health (Wales) Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee for Stage 1 consideration.

Business Managers agreed to defer a decision on the Bill's timetable until a future meeting to allow for consultation with the Health and Social Care Committee.

## **5 Committees**

### **5.1 Environment and Sustainability Committee: Request to visit Brussels**

Business Managers agreed a request from the Environment and Sustainability Committee to visit the European Parliament and other offices in Brussels on 3 – 4 June 2015.

## **6 Standing Orders**

### **6.1 Proposed amendments to Standing Orders: Proposals to amend Standing Orders in relation to the Registration and Declaration of Members' Interests and the Membership of the Standards of Conduct**

Business Committee considered and approved a draft Report on amending Standing Orders 2, 13 and 17 in relation to the Registration and Declaration of Members' Interests and Standing Orders 17 and 22 in relation to the Membership of the Standards of Conduct.

Business Managers agreed to table a motion to amend the Standing Orders for the Assembly's consideration on Wednesday 17 June 2015.