

Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 23 June 2015**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.42**

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National
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Wales



Minutes: Private

Committee Members:

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

Committee Staff:

Lara Date (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

**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

Apologies were received from the 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 to postpone William Powell's Short Debate until Tuesday 7 July.

Business Managers noted a paper on the arrangements for the Secretary of State's attendance at Plenary on Wednesday, as part of the debate on the UK Government's legislative programme (Queen's Speech).

Business Committee noted that there would be no Voting Time on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the Business Committee agreed that voting on the Queen's Speech debate would be taken at the end of the item and voting on the Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate would also be taken at the end of that item.

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

Due to a Srebrenica Memorial Service, being jointly hosted in the Senedd by the Deputy Presiding Officer and the First Minister, Business Managers agreed to re-schedule the debate on the Annual Compliance Report on the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme from Wednesday 8 July to Wednesday 15 July.

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

Tuesday 7 July 2015 –

- Short Debate – William Powell (Mid and West Wales): The Dyfed–Powys police helicopter – why the X99 provides vital support to public safety in Mid and West Wales (30 mins) – *postponed from 24 June*

Wednesday 8 July 2015 –

- ~~Debate on the Annual Compliance Report on the Assembly Commission’s Official Languages Scheme (60 mins)~~ – *postponed to 15 July*
- Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 15 July 2015 –

- Debate on the Annual Compliance Report on the Assembly Commission’s Official Languages Scheme (60 mins) – *postponed from 8 July*
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Mike Hedges (Swansea East) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill to the Finance 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 Finance Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following changes to Standing Order 22, the Presiding Officer reminded Members to submit nominations to elect an alternate member from the same political group for each member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.