

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 15 September 2015

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.50

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
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 Tuesday.

Business Managers noted that the Minister for Public Services would be answering questions before the Minister for Finance and Government Business on Wednesday. Members had already been informed via the agenda.

Business Committee noted that there would be no Voting Time on Tuesday. 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 re-schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 23 September 2015 –

- ~~Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Stop the Army Recruiting in Schools (60 mins) – moved to 30 September 2015~~
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Wednesday 30 September 2015 –

- ~~Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Mandatory Welsh legislation to ensure Defibrillators in all public places (60 mins) – moved to 7 October 2015~~
- Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Stop the Army Recruiting in Schools (60 mins)

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

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

Wednesday 7 October 2015 –

- Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Mandatory Welsh legislation to ensure Defibrillators in all public places (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Legislative Consent Motions: UK legislative programme 2015/2016

The Business Committee noted a paper providing an update on the progression of all Bills, both those in draft and those not, announced in the Queen's Speech, for the first Parliamentary session. Business Managers commented on the usefulness of the document.

5 Committees

5.1 Enterprise and Business Committee: Request to visit Dublin

Business Managers agreed a request from the Enterprise and Business Committee to visit Dublin on Thursday 1 October 2015.

6 Business Committee

6.1 Business Committee Legacy for Fifth Assembly

Business Managers were invited to consider a proposed approach to Business Committee legacy work and invited to consider possible approaches to consultation.

Business Managers agreed the general approach to the report and agreed that any consultation would be done by way of paper correspondence.

The Committee agreed to return to the matter at a future meeting to discuss a more detailed work plan.

7 Budget Timetable

7.1 Timetable for the 2016–17 Budget

Business Managers noted a response from the Finance Committee and a letter from the Minister for Finance and Government Business regarding the timetable for the 2016–17 budget.

The Minister informed Business Managers that she would be meeting with the Chair of the Finance Committee and would bring a revised timetable to the Business Committee as soon as possible.

Any Other Business

The Presiding Officer reminded Business Managers that the new rules on oral declarations came into force on 1 September and would be applicable in proceedings from now on. The Presiding Officer also informed Business Managers that drop-in sessions had been organised by the Registrar of Members' Interests and would be held in the Clerk's room in the Senedd during Plenary over the next three weeks.