

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 20 October 2015

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.44

## Private

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### 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.

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 11 November 2015 –**

- Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2016/17 (30 mins)

#### **Wednesday 18 November 2015 –**

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

## **4 Standing Orders**

### **4.1 Committee Size**

Business Managers considered a paper setting out the relevant provisions and possible options in relation to Committee size. Business Managers indicated that they would like to investigate further the possibility of changing the minimum size of a group and agreed that any recommendations made on this matter would form part of its legacy report.

### **Any Other Business**

The Presiding Officer reminded Members of the protocol for grouping questions and encouraged Business Managers to ensure that Members are aware of any grouped questions.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that if grouped questions were subsequently ungrouped during Plenary, every effort would be made to notify Business Managers.