

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 17 November 2015

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.44

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	Craig Stephenson, Director of Commission Services Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Peter Greening, Welsh Government Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service

1 Apologies & announcements

Apologies were received from the Deputy Presiding Officer.



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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 motion to suspend Standing Order 11.16 to allow the The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015 to be debated would be taken after item 3 on Tuesday.

The Presiding Officer informed Business Managers that she intended to suspend proceeding for a 15 minute break before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

Motions to elect Members to committees would take place immediately after Item 2 on Wednesday.

Business Managers agreed a request by the First Minister to move the Plaid Cymru debate on Trident, to which he will be responding, to before the Welsh Conservatives debate.

Business Managers noted that on Tuesday, voting on all other items of business will take place before Stage 3 proceedings begin. 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 25 November 2015 –

- Motion to annul The Tuberculosis (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2015 (30 mins)

Wednesday 9 December 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)

3.4 Scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill

Business Managers considered a paper setting out possible options for scrutinising the Draft Wales Bill in Plenary following Business Managers' request at the previous meeting.

Business Managers agreed to consult with their groups and return to the matter at next week's meeting.

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Health and Social Care Committee: Public Health (Wales) Bill

The Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee (HSC) wrote to the Business Committee to request an extension for its reporting deadline for the Public Health (Wales) Bill from Friday 27 November 2015 to 11 December 2015.

Business Managers agreed to return to the matter next week, following the HSC's committee meeting on Thursday.

5 Standing Orders

5.1 Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Recommendations on Making Laws in Wales

Business Managers considered a paper reviewing the recommendations made by the CLA committee in the report on its inquiry into making laws in Wales in so far as they relate to the Business Committee's remit.

Business Managers agreed to consult with their groups and return to the meeting of Monday 30 November 2015.

6 Fourth Assembly Committee Legacy

6.1 Paper to note – Committee Chairs' Forum Report

The Committee noted the Committee Chairs' Forum Report which will form part of the discussion on the Business Committee Legacy report at its meeting of 30 November 2015.