

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 8 December 2015

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.56

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 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

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 Economy, Science and Transport would be making a statement on Rail Electrification.

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 27 January 2015 –

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
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- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Stage 4 Debate on the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

3.4 Scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill

Business Managers considered a paper setting out detailed proposals for a debate structure on the draft Wales Bill based on the recommendations in the Constitutional

and Legislative Affairs Committee's report. At its meeting of 24 November, Business Managers decided to schedule a 3 hour Plenary debate on Wednesday 13 January.

Business Managers decided to meet outside of committee before the Christmas recess to agree the overall structure of the debate.

4 Standing Orders

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

On 17 November, Business Managers considered a paper to review 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. On 30 November, following consultation with Party Groups, the committee agreed in principle to the CLA Committee's recommendations, including proposed changes to Standing Orders.

Business Managers agreed to wait for the Minister for Finance and Government Business to circulate a note outlining her position on the recommendations before responding to the CLA committee in the New Year.

5 Business Committee

5.1 Business Committee Legacy Report

Following the committee's consideration of the evidence put forward in response to the committee's consultation on its Legacy Report at last week's meeting, Business Managers agreed to consider a draft report in January.

6 Committees

6.1 Enterprise and Business Committee: Request to visit Wrexham

Business Managers agreed a request by the Enterprise and Business Committee to visit Wrexham on Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 28 January 2016.

7 Legislation

7.1 Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Consolidation Bills

Business Managers considered proposals for new Standing Orders for Private and Hybrid Bills and agreed to consult with their groups and return to the paper at the meeting on 19 January 2016.