

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 21 June 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.01

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Simon Thomas AM Paul Davies AM Mark Reckless AM
Committee Staff:	Siân Wilkins (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Peter Greening, Welsh Government

## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

## 2 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes for the meeting were revised and agreed by the Committee for publication.



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### **3 Organisation of Business**

#### ***This Week's Business***

Tributes would be paid and a minute's silence would be held in memory of Jo Cox.

The Cabinet Secretary on Economy and Infrastructure would be making a statement on the Public Local Inquiry on the M4 at Newport (45 mins)

The Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language would be making a statement on Broadcasting in Wales (30 mins)

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.

#### ***Three Week Timetable of Government Business***

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

#### ***Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business***

Business Managers agreed to schedule the debate on the Queen's Speech on 6 July and for the debate to take place as the first item of business. Plenary will begin at 1 pm.

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

#### **Tuesday 28 June 2016 –**

- Motions to establish Committees (5 mins)
- Motion to Change the name of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee (5 mins)

- Motion to amend Standing Order 17 in relation to Operation of Committees (5 mins)

### **Wednesday 6 July 2016 –**

- Debate on the Queen’s Speech (120 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

### **Wednesday 13 July 2016 –**

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

### ***Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)***

Business Committee selected 2 motions for debate.

### **Wednesday 29 June 2016**

- **NNDM6026**  
**David Melding (South Wales Central)**  
**Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**  
**Lee Waters (Llanelli)**  
**Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)**  
**Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the Welsh Government should examine ways to strengthen inter-departmental working to improve outcomes for looked after children.

### **Wednesday 13 July 2016**

- **NNDM6027**  
**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**  
**Lee Waters (Llanelli)**

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire)**

**Jeremy Miles (Neath)**

**Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)**

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that the amount of money spent by the BBC on programmes for Wales in English has fallen by 25 per cent in the last decade.
2. Believes BBC Wales has a vital role to play in reflecting the lives, aspirations and challenges of the people of Wales.
3. Notes Lord Hall's admission that the funding for English language content made in Wales for a Welsh audience has dropped to unsustainable levels, and therefore calls upon the BBC to outline in detail its spending commitments to Wales in the near and further future.

## **4 Legislation**

### ***LCM on the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill***

Business Committee considered a paper from the government regarding a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) in relation to the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill.

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the assumption that the title and remit of that committee would be agreed under the following item of business. Should the establishment of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee be delayed, Business Managers agreed to consider, at a later date, referring the LCM to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee for scrutiny. Business Managers also agreed that the relevant Committee should report on the LCM by Thursday 15 September 2016 to allow the LCM to be debated in Plenary on Tuesday 20 September 2016.

## **5 Committees**

### ***Committee Size and Remits***

Business Managers considered a paper setting out proposed committee structures and agreed the titles and remits of committees.

The Committee agreed to table motions to establish those committees for consideration by the Assembly on 28 June 2016.

Business Managers agreed to return to the matter of committee size as well as the allocation of committee chairs to political groups at the next meeting.

## **6 The Assembly Timetable**

Business Managers agreed to return to the matter of the Assembly Timetable at the next meeting.

## **7 Papers to note**

Business Managers noted the paper.