

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 11 October 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.09

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Paul Davies AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children will be making a statement on Resilient Communities.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs will be making a statement on the Oil Spill at Nantycaws, Carmarthenshire as the last item of business before voting time.

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 Assembly business and agreed to re-schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 19 October 2016 –

- ~~Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins) – moved to 2 November~~

Wednesday 2 November 2016 –

- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (120 mins) – 1 hour moved to 9 November

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

Wednesday 19 October 2016 –

- Statement by the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Committee's Forward Work Programme including Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Children (30 mins)
- Debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee report on the UK Government's Wales Bill (60 mins)

Wednesday 2 November 2016 –

- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

Wednesday 9 November 2016 –

- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (120 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

3.4 Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee: Request for a Debate on its Report on the UK Government's Wales Bill

Business Managers agreed to schedule a debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's (CLAC) report on the UK Government's Wales Bill.

Based on information provided by the Chair of CLAC that the Wales Bill will be the subject of a Legislative Consent Motion and debate in due course, Business Managers agreed that no amendments should be tabled to the take note motion.

4 Legislation

4.1 Public Health (Wales) Bill

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Public Health (Wales) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (HSCS) for Stage 1 consideration.

Business Managers agreed to defer a decision on the Bill's timetable until a future meeting to allow for consultation with the HSCS Committee.

5 Use of Plenary Time

5.1 Members' Statements – Guidance for Members

Business Managers considered draft guidance to be issued to Members prior to the introduction of '90 second statements' and agreed for the guidance to be circulated to Members subject to some revisions.

The Committee agreed to schedule the first of such statements on Wednesday 2 November.

5.2 Review of Oral Assembly Questions

Business Managers considered a paper summarising the reforms made during the fourth Assembly and the recommendations made by its predecessor committee on a review of Oral Assembly Questions, alongside a paper on introducing Topical Questions.

Business Managers requested that the Clerk work with Government officials to clarify comparative figures with other legislatures and for a revised paper to be brought before the Committee in mid November.