

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 6 December 2016

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.41

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Paul Davies AM Jane Hutt AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	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

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.

Business Managers also noted that the Cabinet Secretary for Education had moved her OAQs from 18 January to 11 January due to foreign travel commitments. The usual rotation would then resume. The Counsel General would therefore be the only member of the government answering questions on 18 January.

### 3.3 Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business

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

#### **Wednesday 14 December 2016 –**

- Statement by the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Committee's Inquiry into Human Rights (30 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (120 mins) – *60 mins moved to 18 January*

**Wednesday 18 January 2017 –**

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

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Trade Union (Wales) Bill**

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Trade Union (Wales) Bill to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee (ELGC) 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 ELGC Committee.

Paul Davies raised the issue of the Assembly's competence to deal with this piece of legislation and the Llywydd confirmed that this would be referred to her for consideration prior to the Bill's introduction as usual.

## **5 Plenary**

### **5.1 Christmas Recess Tabling Arrangements**

Business Committee approved the proposed tabling arrangements for the Christmas recess period.

Business Managers noted that the Finance Committee would be laying its report on the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill on or before 22 December.

## **6 Procedural Work Programme**

### **6.1 Review of the Public Petitions Arrangements**

In September, Business Managers agreed to write to the Petitions Committee for its view on the recommendations set out in the Review of the Public Petitions Arrangements report published by its predecessor committee in February 2016.

The Committee noted a response from the Petitions Committee which set out the recommendations the Committee intends to take forward and those it does not.

Business Managers requested that the Clerk bring forward a paper in the New Year on how the changes could be implemented.