

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 24 January 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.37

Private

Attendance

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

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Apologies were received from Paul Davies. Andrew RT Davies substituted.



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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 Counsel General will be making a statement on the Supreme Court Ruling on Article 50.

The First Minister will be making a statement on "Securing Wales' Future": Transition from the European Union to a new relationship with Europe.

The statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children on Working Together for Safer Communities was postponed until 7 February.

The debate on the Annual Report on Equality 2015–16, including the Welsh Ministers' Interim Report on Equality 2016 was withdrawn.

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 schedule the following items of business

Wednesday 15 February 2017 –

- Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's report on its post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (60 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Procedural Work Programme

4.1 Review of the Public Petitions Arrangements

Business Committee considered a Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee confirming that they were content with the proposals to amend Standing Orders and to trial a new procedure for considering debating Petitions in Plenary which have obtained 5,000 signatures.

Business Managers also agreed with the Petitions Committee's suggestion to introduce the changes on 8 March.

Business Managers requested a draft report on the changes to Standing Orders for Business Managers to consider at a future meeting.