

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

Hywel

Meeting date: 7 February 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.42

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 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

2 Minutes of the previous meeting



Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales

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

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

The statement by the Minister for Skills and Science on Small Business Research Initiative was postponed.

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 1 March 2017 –

- Statement by the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on Inquiries and Engagement (30 mins)

Wednesday 8 March 2017 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NNDM6210

Lee Waters (Llanelli)

Jeremy Miles (Neath)

Vikki Howells (Cynon Valley)

Hefin David (Caerphilly)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that approximately 40 per cent of the workforce is employed in the 'Foundational Economy' supplying essential goods and services such as: infrastructures; utilities; food processing, retailing and distribution; and health, education and care.
 2. Recognises that these sectors are often more resilient to external economic shocks and have considerable potential to generate greater local value from the provision of localised goods and services.
 3. Regrets that many of the sectors within the Foundation Economy are marked by low paid and insecure jobs
 4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a strategy to maximise the impact of the 'Foundational Economy' across Wales as part of its work on developing a new economic strategy, including measures to improve employment conditions in those sectors.
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
 - Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Paper to note – Letter from the Chair of CLA re Scrutiny of Regulations Relating to Tax Bands and Tax Rates

Business Managers noted a letter from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee asking for the Llywydd's views on Standing Orders relating to regulations being subject to a provisional affirmative procedure – the new procedure for the scrutiny of regulations relating to tax bands and tax rates.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that Assembly and Welsh Government officials are working on a process that will address the Committee's concerns, and will

share that advice with the Business Committee and the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in due course.

Any Other Business

Spokespeople Questions

- The Llywydd reminded Business Managers that Spokespeople Questions should not be used to raise questions on constituency or regional matters. Spokespeople are free to enter the OAQ ballot and table a question in the normal way, and to request supplementaries on other tabled questions should they wish raise issues within their constituencies or regions.

Topical Questions

- The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she would bring forward detailed proposals on Topical Questions next week for consultation with groups.