

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 6 June 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.43

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Paul Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Rhuaneidd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Deputy Presiding Officer sent her apologies.

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

Tuesday

- Plenary would start with statements by the Llywydd and the First Minister on the London attacks.
- Business Managers noted a letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee suggesting that the Financial Resolution for the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill be postponed after new information was made available to the committee after it had published its report on the general principles of the Bill.
- Jane Hutt informed the committee that while the Financial Resolution on the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill will remain on the agenda, the Minister would not be moving it, and would indicate as much during his contribution on the Stage 1 Debate. The expectation is that the Financial Resolution would now be moved in the autumn term.
- Business Managers agreed that Voting Time would take place as the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Business Managers agreed that Voting Time would take 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 21 June 2017 –

- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Wednesday 28 June 2017 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate by the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on their report on Future of Agricultural and Rural Development Policies in Wales (60 mins) – *moved from 21 June*
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Amending Standing Orders: Budget Process

- Business Managers discussed a paper setting out revised proposals to reform the current budget processes in line with recommendations made by the previous Finance Committee's Best Practice Budget Process inquiry. The paper presented a revised draft of proposed changes incorporating changes agreed at the last meeting.
- Business Managers agreed in principle to proposals to amend Standing Orders in relation to the budget process. The Secretariat will bring forward a report for their agreement next week.

5 Committees

5.1 Request from the External Affairs Committee to undertake a visit to Brussels

- Business Managers agreed a request by the External Affairs Committee for Members of the Committee to be excused from Plenary on Tuesday 27 June 2017 to hold meetings in Brussels.

Any Other Business

- As the Deputy Presiding Officer would not be present during Plenary this week, Commissioners Joyce Watson and Suzy Davies would be chairing parts of both Plenary meetings.
- Jane Hutt wished to put on record her thanks to Commission staff who had helped organise Rhodri Morgan's funeral at the Senedd on 31 May.
- David Rowlands informed the Committee that Sam Gould, AMSS to Nathan Gill AM, had passed away aged 33.