

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 23 October 2018

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.35

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Julie James AM Angela Burns AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Neil Hamilton AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Deputy Presiding Officer and Darren Millar sent their apologies, due to representing the Assembly at the BIPA Conference in London.



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2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Business Managers requested that revised minutes be circulated for agreement.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will 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 14 November 2018 –

- Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2019–20 (30 mins)
- ~~Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)~~ – *postponed until 28 November*

Wednesday 21 November 2018 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report: Creating the Right Culture (60 mins)
- Debate on Petition P-05-828 Presumption in Favour of Rural Schools (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 LCM on the Ivory Bill

Business Managers noted that the plenary debate is proposed for 6 November and agreed, in this instance, that there is insufficient time for full committee scrutiny.

5 Committees

5.1 Request from Finance Committee to schedule an additional meeting

Business Managers agreed the request.

5.2 Request from CWLC – Senedd@Aberystwyth

Business Managers agreed the request.

5.3 The allocation of committee places and chairs between groups

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, the Llywydd indicated that she wanted the issue of the allocation of chairs to be discussed and decided on separately to that of the order in which leaders and spokespeople are called.

On a vote, Business Managers agreed in principle to propose to re-allocate the Chair of Petitions Committee from UKIP to the Welsh Conservatives. However, Business Managers agreed not to table a motion for the time being – to allow discussions between Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Conservatives regarding the possible re-allocation of other committee chairs.

On the issue of calling leaders and spokespeople, the Llywydd again stated that she would be guided by the majority view of the Business Committee in terms of the order in which they are called. The majority view among Business Managers was that the Business Committee should not seek to dictate how the Llywydd uses her prerogative in such a way, and so the Llywydd committed to bringing forward a paper reviewing all aspects of leaders' and spokespeople's questions after half term.

Business Managers agreed to take nominations to elect a new Chair of Finance Committee at tomorrow's Plenary.

Business Committee agreed to revise the allocation of opposition time from 2:2:1 to 6:5:2.