

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 19 February 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.49

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Neil Hamilton AM
Committee Staff:	Siân Wilkins (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Lowri Hughes, Deputy Clerk Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd 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

Tuesday

- The Government added a statement by the First Minister to today's Plenary agenda: Latest developments in the UK Government's Brexit Negotiations
- Voting Time will take place after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- The Llywydd drew Business Managers attention to the fact that an Independent Member had tabled two amendments to the Health and Social Care committee's report. The Llywydd noted that she was yet to take a decision on whether to select the amendments, but that historically she had not done so.
- 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

Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that, in accordance with Standing Order 26.36, this motion is required to be tabled by the Business Committee and that it would be tabled in her name.

Scheduled business on Wednesday 13 March

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that whilst there is almost 5 hours of Assembly Business scheduled for that day, she expected that it would underrun in practice.

Debate on Petition P-05-849 All men in Wales should have access through the NHS to the best possible diagnostic tests for prostate cancer

Business Managers agreed to a request by the Trefnydd to move the Petitions Committee debate on Prostate Cancer on 6th March to the final item of business before voting time as the Minister has a school parents' appointment mid-afternoon and would like to get back for the debate. Business Managers stated that whilst they were happy to agree this particular request, they did not wish to set a precedent for frequent requests of this nature.

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

Wednesday 13 March 2019 –

- Statement by the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the effect of Brexit on the arts, creative industries, heritage and the Welsh language (30 mins)

Wednesday 20 March 2019 –

- Debate: Stage 4 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill (15 mins)
- Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report: Mobile Action Plan Update (60 mins)
- Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report: Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education (60 mins)

- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Relating to the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee's request for a statement in Plenary, Business Managers requested that more information on the content and context of such statements be provided in future to help inform scheduling decisions.

4 Legislation

4.1 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade Bill

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Business Managers agreed to refer the supplementary Memorandum to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, with a reporting deadline of 11 March (the day before the Plenary debate) to allow the maximum time for scrutiny.

5 Committees

5.1 Request from the Public Accounts Committee to meet outside of its allocated meeting time

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Business Managers agreed the request.

5.2 Request from External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to meet outside of its allocated meeting time

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Business Managers agreed the request.

Any Other Business

Committee membership changes

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that a motion to elect Dai Lloyd to the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in place of Helen Mary Jones will be added to tomorrow's Plenary agenda.

Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill

The Trefnydd noted that the Government still expect there to be a tight timescale between laying this supplementary Memorandum and a Plenary debate, due to UK Parliamentary timelines.

The Welsh Government are still in discussion with the UK Government but expect that details of any changes will be made available to Members as soon as possible. The Minister for Health and Social Services has written to both committees who considered the original LCM (the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee) with the relevant information at this stage.

The passing of Paul Flynn MP

Following a query from the Trefnydd about an appropriate way to mark the passing of Paul Flynn MP, the Llywydd informed Business Managers that she would make a statement at the start of today's Plenary.