

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 5 March 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.44

**Private**

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## Attendance

| Category             | Names  |
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| Committee Members:   | Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair)<br>Rebecca Evans AM<br>Darren Millar AM<br>Rhun ap Iorwerth AM<br>Neil Hamilton AM  |
| Committee Staff:     | Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)   |
| Others in attendance | Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer<br>Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly<br>Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service<br>Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business<br>Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office<br>Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd<br>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 Trefnydd informed Business Managers that the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs will answer questions on behalf of the First Minister today, as he will be absent from the early part of Plenary
- The Government has tabled a motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow a debate on “EU Withdrawal Negotiations” to take place as the last item of business in Plenary today. An almost identical motion has been tabled in the Scottish Parliaments and there will be a 90 minute debate and vote which take place as simultaneously as possible with the Scottish Parliament. That debate will be live streamed in certain parts of the Senedd. The Llywydd informed Business Managers that the deadline for tabling amendments would be 1.30pm today.
- The Government has postponed the following statements until 12 March 2019 to accommodate the debate:
  - Statement by the Minister for Economy and Transport: Apprenticeships: Investing in Skills for the Future (45 mins)
  - Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (45 mins)
- 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 which was amended to reflect the items rescheduled from Tuesday 5 March. Hard copies of the updated version were shared with Business Managers.

### **3.3 Three Week Timetable of Assembly Business**

#### *3 Week Timetable of Assembly Business*

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

#### **Wednesday 27 March 2019 –**

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 Timetable for consideration of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill**

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Bill to the Children, Young People and Education Committee to consider its general principles, and to write to the committee to consult on the proposed timetable.

### **4.2 Supplementary LCM on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill**

Business Managers agreed not to refer the sLCM to a committee for further scrutiny, given the Bill's tight Parliamentary timeline in Westminster, but noted that the Health and Social Care Committee may consider it at their meeting on Thursday. Business Managers noted that the Plenary debate for the sLCM is scheduled for 12 March.

## **5 Business Committee**

### **5.1 Collation of Guidance issued by the Llywydd under Standing Order 6.17**

Business Managers agreed to a request from the Trefnydd to defer any discussion to 19 March to allow further consideration by the Labour group.