

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 18 June 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.45

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Caroline Jones AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Deputy Presiding Officer sent her apologies, due to attending a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in London.

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

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

Wednesday

- All voting will take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd confirmed that Voting Time on 25 June will be before Stage 3 of the Legislation (Wales) Bill.

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 10 July 2019 –

Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications report – Film and major television production in Wales (60 mins)

Debate on the General Principles of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Timetable for the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Bill to the Climate Change Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to consider its general principles, and to write to the committee to consult on the proposed timetable.

5 Assembly Business

5.1 The effect of recent changes to group membership on committees

Caroline Jones explained that the Brexit Party group had not taken up the 5th Committee seat offered to them as none of the Brexit Party group Members wanted to sit on more than one Committee. Business Managers noted that some Members of other groups sit on at least two committees.

Business Managers agreed to table the relevant motions to remove Labour, Conservative and Plaid Cymru Members from committees, to reduce the size of the seven eight-Member policy and legislation committees to six Members each. They also agreed to table motions to elect Michelle Brown to the Petitions Committee, Neil Hamilton to Climate Change Environment and Rural Affairs Committee and Gareth Bennett to Public Accounts Committee.

Business Managers considered a proposal to reduce the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's membership down to 4 Members, and agreed to return to the matter at next week's meeting following consultation with groups.