

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 7 January 2020

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 David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Helen Carey, Welsh Government Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Caroline Jones sent her apologies, and David Rowlands attended as a substitute.



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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

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

Business Managers noted the exchange of letters between the Trefnydd and the Llywydd, with the Llywydd agreeing a request to allow Stage 4 of the National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill to take place immediately on completion of Stage 3 proceedings on 14 January 2020.

The Trefnydd notified Business Managers of the following changes to Government Business for the next 3 weeks:

Tuesday 14 January 2020 –

- Debate: The Equality and Human Rights Annual Review 2018/19 (60 mins) – *postponed*
- Statutory Instrument Consent Motion: The Pilotage Act 1987 (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (15 mins)
- Debate: Stage 4 of the National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

Tuesday 21 January 2020 –

- The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (15 mins)
- The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Qualifications) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (15 mins) - withdrawn

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 29 January 2020 –

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Paper to Note: Letter from the Chair of the Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee

Business Managers noted the letter and agreed again to look at the period available for Stage 1 scrutiny as part of their legacy work.

5 Any other business

LCM on the EU Withdrawal Bill

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers that the government has laid a Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the EU Withdrawal Bill. The requirements of the Parliamentary timetable for the Bill mean that the related legislative consent motion will need to be considered by the Assembly on Tuesday 21 January at the latest.

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation and Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committees, with a reporting deadline of Friday 17 January.

Upcoming Business Committee Papers

The Llywydd reminded Business Managers that the consultation on proxy voting will be open until 13 January, and responses will be summarised in a paper to be discussed at the meeting of 21 January. Following this, the Business Committee will return to the

paper on Committee membership, chairs and political balance, including d'Hondt on 28 January. These are both a week later than previously advised, to allow more time for the consultation on Proxy Voting.

Business Managers asked the Clerk to ascertain the situation with regards to the review of the procedure in the House of Commons due to be undertaken by the Procedures Committee there.

The Llywydd also informed the Committee that she was unable to attend next week's Business Committee, and that the Deputy Presiding Officer would chair in her absence.