

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 28 January 2020

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.05

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Siân Gwenllïan Caroline Jones 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 Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government



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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Sian Gwenllian substituted for Rhun ap Iorwerth, and is expected to have formally joined the Business Committee before the next meeting. The Llywydd thanked Rhun ap Iorwerth for his contribution as a member of the committee.

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

Caroline Jones asked if there will be a government statement on the coronavirus. The Trefnydd informed her that the government has already issued a written statement, and that they would update the Assembly if there were any changes.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

Tuesday 4th February 2020

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on the work of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Paying for Social Care (45 mins)
- Debate: Report of the Commission on Justice in Wales (60 mins)

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 26 February 2020 –

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

3.4 Debates on Members' Legislative Proposals – selection of motion for debate

Business Managers agreed to select the following motion for debate on 5 February:

NNDM7239 David Melding

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill which requires all new-build homes to be fitted with at least one electric car charge point.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to ensure that:
 - a) every new residential building with an associated car parking space has an electric charging point installed;
 - b) every residential building that is new or undergoing major renovation, with more than 10 car parking spaces, has cable routes for electric vehicle charge points in at least 50 percent of the total parking spaces.

Supported by:

Angela Burns

Dai Lloyd

David J Rowlands

Huw Irranca–Davies

Jenny Rathbone

Mark Isherwood

Mohammad Asghar

Rhun ap Iorwerth

Russell George

Vikki Howells

4 Legislation

4.1 LCM on the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills and the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committees, with a reporting deadline of Thursday 12 March.

5 Committees

5.1 Draft Report on the change to the name and remit of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Business Managers agreed the draft report.

5.2 Committee membership, chairs and political balance, including d'Hondt

Business Managers discussed the paper and agreed that the provisions in the Government of Wales Act 2006 which set out the d'Hondt formula for allocating committee places in the event of the Assembly being unable to agree a motion on membership by two-thirds majority should be integrated into Standing Orders. This would allow the continued use of the d'Hondt formula as a fallback mechanism.

Business Managers discussed a range of issues relating to political balance on committees and committee chairs, especially procedures around how any changes to the balance between groups during the course of an Assembly are reflected in the

make up of committees and the balance of chairs and asked the Secretariat to bring forward a paper looking at these issues in greater detail.

Any Other Business

Plaid Cymru Committee Membership

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that Sian Gwenllian will be resign her position as a member of the Assembly Commission and will be replacing Rhun ap Iorwerth as a member of Business Committee. Rhun ap Iorwerth in turn will be nominated as a Commissioner. This is part of a wider reshuffle in Plaid Cymru, involving changes to their places on committees. Business Managers agreed to take the motions necessary to make these changes on Tuesday afternoon.

Grouped Questions

The Llywydd reminded Business Managers that it is their responsibility to ensure that any Members asking supplementaries are made aware when questions are grouped.