

# Business Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Ty Hywel**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 18 October 2011**

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Meeting time: **08:30 – 08:57**

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Wales



## Minutes:

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### Committee Members:

**Rosemary Butler (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Jocelyn Davies**  
**William Graham**  
**Jane Hutt**

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### Committee Staff:

**Anna Daniel (Clerk)**

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### Others in attendance:

**Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business**  
**Sulafa Thomas, Head of Assembly Committees**  
**Siân Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services**  
**Peter Greening, Welsh Government**  
**Craig Stephenson, Principal Private Secretary to the Presiding Officer**  
**David Melding, Deputy Presiding Officer**

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## 1. Apologies & announcements

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

## 3. Organisation of Business

### 3(i) This Week's Business

The Business Committee agreed that voting on the Individual Member Debate would be taken in accordance with the convention for voting on opposition debates.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Voting time would take place before the short debate.

### **3(ii) Three week timetable of Government Business**

The Business Committee noted that questions to the Counsel General would be moved from Wednesday 9 November 2011 to Wednesday 16 November, bringing forward questions to the Minister for Local Government and Communities by a week to Wednesday 9 November 2011.

The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

### **3(iii) Three week timetable of Assembly Business**

The Business Committee agreed to publish the names of the Members who have been successful in the Short Debate ballot for the remainder of the term.

The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following item of business:

#### **Wednesday 16 November 2011**

- Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2012/13 (60 mins)

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

## **4. Legislation**

### **4(i) Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion: Education Bill**

The Business Committee considered a paper from the government regarding a supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for amendments tabled to the Education Bill. Given the timing of the Bill in Westminster, the Business Committee agreed that it would not be referred for committee consideration and therefore may be tabled for debate in Plenary on 1 November 2011.

The Presiding Officer stressed that once the UK Government's new legislative programme is known, she expects sufficient notice to be given to the Assembly so that scrutiny is not by-passed in this way. The Leader of the House agreed to give further consideration to how the Assembly can be given earlier warning of anticipated Legislative Consent Motions.

## **5. Committees**

### **5(i) Common Agricultural Policy Task and Finish Group – Request to meet at Royal Welsh Winter Fair**

The Business Committee agreed a request from the Common Agricultural Policy Task and Finish Group to hold a formal meeting at the Royal Welsh Showground on Monday 28 November 2011. The Business Managers discussed public accessibility via broadcasts of external committee meetings and asked about costs of broadcasting these sessions.

## **Any Other Business**

The Business Committee agreed to meet in public starting at 8.45am on Tuesday 1 November (Committee Room 4) to discuss the remaining changes to Standing Orders as a result of the Referendum (s109 orders).