

# Business Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 21 February 2012**

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Meeting time: **08:30 – 08:40**

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## 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:

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

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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

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, the Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

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

The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

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

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

## **4. Legislation**

### **4(i) The Legislative Programme**

The Business Committee noted a paper from the government regarding the timetabling and handling of the legislative programme and actions the Welsh Government will undertake to provide a transparent and consistent approach across each Government Bill.

### **4(ii) Legislative Consent Motions for Bills in the 2012–13 Parliamentary Session**

The Business Committee noted a paper from the government regarding Legislative Consent Motions (LCMs) for Bills which will be introduced into Parliament during the forthcoming session (May 2012 – May 2013) and setting out how the Leader of the House intended to approach these to ensure appropriate scrutiny of LCMs.

The Business Committee noted that they would give further consideration to the processes for proper scrutiny of LCMs once the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee has reported on its inquiry.

### **Other Business**

Following the discussion at the last meeting, Jocelyn Davies raised again whether a committee to scrutinise the First Minister would be established. The Presiding Officer agreed to re-circulate the briefing on committee scrutiny of the First Minister. Business Managers reiterated the importance of considering this as part of the 12 month review of the Committee structure in the summer term.