

Business Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 13 March 2012**

Meeting time: **08:30 – 08:50**

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Minutes:

Committee Members:

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

Committee Staff:

Anna Daniel (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

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

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 Business Committee agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 21 March 2012

- Motion to annul the Isle of Anglesey Local Authorities (Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections) Order 2012 (30 mins)

Wednesday 25 April 2012

- Debate on the Petitions Committee's report on the Marine and Coastguard Agency in Wales (60 mins)

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

4. Legislation

4(i) Legislative Conventions in the Fourth Assembly

The Business Committee considered and agreed a draft report setting out the revised conventions that should apply when committees are considering legislation.

5. Other Business

5(i) Industrial Action – Impact on formal Assembly Business

The Business Committee gave further consideration to its contingency plan in the event of the industrial action on 28 March.

The Leader of the House indicated that the Government would bring forward Questions to Ministers to Tuesday 27 March.

William Graham said that his group's preferred option would be to maintain all business on Wednesday, 28 March. The remaining Business Managers agreed that their preference would be to accommodate the 2 opposition debates in an extended plenary on Tuesday 27 March. The Leader of the House suggested that the meeting could start earlier than usual to accommodate these extra items of business.

Business Managers agreed that the debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's report and the Short Debate should be postponed until after the Easter recess.

The Business Committee also agreed that the Finance Committee should be allocated an alternative meeting slot.

The secretariat will prepare a draft Business Statement to reflect these discussions, for consideration at next week's meeting.