

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 28 March 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.57

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Paul Davies AM Jane Hutt AM David J Rowlands AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Minutes of the previous meeting



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The minutes for the meeting were agreed by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

Mark Reckless will be questioning the First Minister during Leaders Questions in the absence of Neil Hamilton.

There will be a motion suspend Standing Orders to allow the debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee report on the implications for Wales of leaving the European Union, which was re-scheduled from last week, to take place on Tuesday, and to allow Dawn Bowden's Short Debate to take place on Wednesday.

The Government reduced the time allocated to Stage 3 proceedings from three hours to two hours.

Business Managers noted that all votes in relation to the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill will take place during Stage 3 proceedings.

Business Managers questioned the timing of the debate on the National Parks given the lack of availability of the Future Landscapes Wales report. The Leader of the House agreed to give the matter further consideration.

Business Managers also noted that voting on all other items of business will take place before Stage 3 proceedings begin.

Wednesday

The First Minister will be making a statement on the triggering of Article 50 (45 mins).

Business Committee agreed that Voting Time on Wednesday would take place before the Short Debates.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

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 5 April 2017 –

- Motion to amend Standing Order 12 in relation to Topical Questions (5 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins) – *re-scheduled from 22 March*

Wednesday 10 May 2017 –

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Report by the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: The Big Picture: The Committee's Initial Views on Broadcasting in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

3.4 Debate on Members' Legislative Proposals – Selection of Motion

The Committee agreed to review the criteria for selecting Members' Legislative Proposals for debate.

Business Committee selected a motion for debate:

Wednesday 5 April

- **NNDM6227**
Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on waste reduction.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to reduce waste through placing requirements on food producers and retailers in respect of packaging.

Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal on 17 May 2017.

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Impact of the Wales Act 2017 on the Assembly's Standing Orders

Business Managers considered a paper on the impact of the Wales Act 2017 on the Assembly's Standing Orders regarding the Secretary of State's participation in proceedings, in particular around the debate on the UK government's legislative programme. The Committee also considered how the debate on the Welsh Government's legislative programme might be given a higher profile in future and agreed that Commission and Welsh Government officials should discuss options for future consideration.

Business Managers were invited to consult with their groups on these issues and return to the paper at a future meeting.

Any Other Business

The Llywydd reminded Business Managers that Members who have requested to speak on items of business are expected to arrive before the beginning of that item if they wish to be called. It is the responsibility of Members to ensure that they are aware of business running ahead of time.