

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 26 March 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.45

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Neil Hamilton AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly 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 Claire Fife, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- All voting will take place before the short debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd circulated a revised hard copy of the 'Three Week Timetable of Government Business', all changes will be shown on the Business Statement and Announcement.

3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business

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Business Committee determined the organisation of Assembly business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 3 April 2019 –

- Debate on the Finance Committee report: The Implementation of Fiscal Devolution in Wales (60 mins)

- ~~Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)~~ – *postponed until 1 May*

Wednesday 1 May 2019 –

- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)~~ – *postponed until 8 May*
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

Wednesday 8 May 2019 –

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)

**3.4 Letter from Finance Committee requesting a debate on – request for a debate on
3 April**

Business Managers agreed the request.

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

- Business Managers selected the following motion for debate on 3 April:

NNDM7021 Bethan Sayed (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a bill to reform and improve support for child victims of sexual abuse in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of this bill would be to:
 - a) introduce the Barnahus Model of therapeutic led support for victims;
 - b) work with police to use the Barnahus Model of investigation in all cases of child sexual abuse; and

c) introduce statutory changes to improve emergency and temporary accommodation for abused children who cannot return to their home or are homeless.

- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Debates on Members' Legislative Proposals on 15 May and 26 June, and selected the following motion for debate on 15 May. In accordance with previous Business Committee decisions, the Table Office will notify Members of the dates for the upcoming summer term.

NNDM7020 Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for non-carbon-emission public vehicles bill.

2. Notes that the purpose of this bill will be:

(a) to promote the use of electric vehicles or non-emission vehicles in Wales in order to help reduce carbon emissions; and

(b) to place a duty on the Welsh Government and other public bodies to develop a strategy to move towards using electric vehicles or non-emission vehicles in the public fleet in Wales.

4 Assembly Business

4.1 Recess Dates

Business Managers agreed the recess dates for October Half Term 2019 and Christmas Recess 2019.

Because New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday in 2020, it will not be possible to conduct ministerial OAQ shuffles, or for motions to be tabled on the usual days in the last week of recess, as has been the case previously. Business Managers agreed to accept business for 7 and 8 January during the first week of recess, by conducting the OAQ ballots on Monday 16 December, with the deadlines for the shuffle for Ministerial questions set at 3:30 on Wednesday 18 December. To allow sufficient time for the consideration of amendments to motions for the first Plenary meetings back in January, Business Managers agreed that the tabling deadlines for motions for 7 and 8 January be set at 6pm on Wednesday 18 December. Tabling deadlines for amendments to motions and for questions to the First Minister will remain as normal.

Business Managers also agreed that consideration could be given nearer the time to scheduling business for the first week of January that minimised the impact on tabling.

Business Managers agreed the provisional dates for Spring Half Term and Easter Recess 2020.

4.2 Easter Recess Tabling Arrangements

Business Managers agreed the tabling arrangements for Easter recess, May Day and Whitsun half-term.

5 Standing Orders

5.1 Proposals for Consolidation Bills

Amending Standing Orders: Consolidation Bills

Business Managers agreed the proposed outline procedure and asked the Secretariat to bring forward draft Standing Orders for consideration. On the one area of disagreement between Welsh Government and Assembly Officials (triggering Detailed Assembly Consideration), Business Managers asked the Secretariat to draft for both options and explore any third options that may be available.

Business Managers noted the Law Commissions letter.

6 Business Committee

6.1 Collation of Guidance issued by the Llywydd under Standing Order 6.17.

Business Managers discussed a range of issues around the guidance and asked the Secretariat to bring a revised draft reflecting the changes agreed, and provide a notes on areas that require further consideration.

6 Any Other Business

Filming in the chamber

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that a photographer would be present in the Chamber at the start of Plenary next Tuesday 3 April.