

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 21 May 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.36

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Dai Lloyd AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Gwion Evans, Head of the Llywydd's Private Office Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government Bethan Garwood



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Rhun ap Iorwerth sent his apologies, due to attending a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting. Dai Lloyd attended in his place.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- The Statement by the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee: Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18 has been withdrawn.
- All voting will take place before the short debate.

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 12 June 2019 –

- ~~Time allocated to the United Kingdom Independence Party (60 mins)~~
- Debate on the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee report – the Physical Activity of Children and Young People (60 mins)

Wednesday 19 June 2019 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report – Bacc to the Future: The status of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Census (Return Particulars and Removal of Penalties) Bill

Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM to ELGC, with a reporting deadline of 27 June and noted that the Plenary debate is scheduled for 2 July.

4.2 Timetable for the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Bill

Business Managers agreed in principle to refer the Bill to the Health Social Care and Sport Committee to consider its general principles, and to write to the committee to consult on the proposed timetable.

4.3 Timetable for the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

Business Managers agreed the request from the Committee to extend the stage 1 reporting deadline by 2 weeks.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of Petitions Committee

Business Managers agreed the request to schedule a debate for petition P-05-869 Declare a Climate Emergency and fit all policies with zero-carbon targets, but asked for further information on how the decision to ask for a debate on a petition is made, noting that a large number of petitions with over 5,000 signatures had not led to requests for a debate.

6 Standing Orders

6.1 Letter from Mick Antoniw: Proposal to Amend Standing Orders

The Committee considered the letter and received oral legal and procedural advice at the meeting of 21 May. Business Managers agreed to defer a decision until their next meeting and to consult with their groups in the meantime.

7 Assembly Business

7.1 The effect of recent changes to group membership on committees

Business Managers discussed the paper and agreed to continue discussions outside of the Committee and return to the matter at the next meeting.

8 Any Other Business

Business Committee Membership

Neil Hamilton is no longer a member of the Business Committee on account of UKIP having ceased to be a group. The Brexit Party group now qualify to be represented on the Business Committee and have indicated that they wish to nominate Caroline Jones. Business Managers agreed to table a motion to elect Caroline Jones to the Business Committee and for the motion to be considered on Wednesday.

Leaders and Spokespeople

Business Managers discussed the allocation of leaders and spokespeople questions to the Brexit Party. The Llywydd confirmed that she will inform Members of her decision in due course.

Chamber Seating

A revised seating plan will be circulated later this morning.

Supplementary questions

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she intends to ensure that First Ministers' Questions always reaches Question 8. The Llywydd also indicated that where the time taken by questions only allows time to call one supplementary, that she will alternate between calling Plaid Cymru and the Conservatives first, with Labour Members and others where appropriate.