

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 11 February 2020

Meeting time: 08.30 – 09.15

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Dai Lloyd AM Caroline Jones AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government Lowri Hughes, Chamber Secretariat

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Sian Gwenllian sent her apologies; Dai Lloyd attended in her place.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

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



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3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

The Trefnydd raised that the Minister for Health and Social Services is due to participate in a COBRA meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and asked if Business Managers would agree to re-arrange business so that the Conservative debate is held immediately after OAQs at 3pm. That would enable the Minister to both respond to the Conservative debate and participate in the COBRA meeting. Business Managers agreed to rearrange business accordingly.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd circulated a revised copy of the timetable:

Tuesday 25 February 2020 –

- Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Tuesday 3 March 2020 –

- Debate: Progress On Tackling Hate Crime (60 mins)

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 11 March 2020 –

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Environment and Rural Affairs

Business Managers considered the letter on the Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020, and agreed to set the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee a reporting deadline of Thursday 27 February.

4.2 Letter from the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Business Managers noted the letter and agreed the proposed timetable for the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill with a reporting deadline for Stage 1 of 22 May 2020 and for Stage 2 of 16 July 2020.

The Trefnydd advised that the government intends to introduce the Social Partnership Bill just before summer recess. As Business Managers were minded to reduce the timetabling pressure on the ELGC Committee, they agreed to write both to that committee and to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee regarding the Social Partnership Bill.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Chair of Petitions Committee

Business Managers considered the letter and agreed to schedule a debate on the petition.

5.2 Letter from the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

Business Managers considered the request and agreed the Committee's request to visit Edinburgh on Monday 23 March.

6 Standing Orders

6.1 Proxy Voting

Business Managers considered the paper and agreed the draft Standing Order and accompanying guidance. They also agreed that a proxy vote could not be cast on in votes that require Members representing two-thirds of Assembly seats to vote in favour of the motion.

The Secretariat will bring a draft report on Standing Order changes to the Business Committee the week after half term.

6.2 Changes to Standing Orders resulting from the change of the name of the institution

Business Managers agreed to discuss the paper with their groups and return to the matter at the first meeting after the half term recess.

7 Assembly Business

7.1 Senedd Clwyd

Business Managers considered the paper and agreed to discuss with their groups and Commission representatives whether there is an appetite to extend the proposed timetable to include Thursday, and/or to change the times allocated for plenary business. Business Managers will return to the paper after half-term.