

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 4 July 2017

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.47

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM (Chair) Jane Hutt AM Paul Davies AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Gareth Bennett AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Rhuanedd Richards, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd



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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Deputy Presiding Officer sent her apologies, due to representing the National Assembly for Wales at Tynwald Parliament on the Isle of Man.

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

- Jane Hutt informed the committee that a statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children: *Update following the Grenfell Tower Fire* would be added to today's Plenary agenda:
- Jane Hutt informed the committee that the order of the following statements would be swapped:
 - Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure: Historic Environment Policy and Legislation (45 mins)
 - Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport: The New Treatment Fund – Progress Report (45 mins)
- Voting time would be after the last item of business.

Wednesday

- Business Managers agreed that voting Time would 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 19 July 2017 –

- Statement from the Chair of the Finance Committee: Fiscal Reform – Lessons from Scotland (30 mins)

Wednesday 20 September 2017 –

- Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's report on medical recruitment (60 mins)
- Time allocated to The Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

3.4 Individual Member Debate: Selection of Motion for Debate

- Business Committee selected a motion for debate on 12 July:

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David Melding (South Wales Central)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)

Caroline Jones (South Wales West)

Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Hefin David (Caerphilly)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Wales is the only home nation without a specialist paediatric rheumatology centre.
 2. Notes that there are an estimated 400 children in South Wales alone that are suffering with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis.
 3. Recognises the need for a multidisciplinary paediatric rheumatology centre in Wales.
 4. Notes that the Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee is undertaking a comprehensive review of paediatric specialised services in Wales.
 5. Calls on the Welsh Government to support calls from Arthritis Care, the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and the British Society for Rheumatology for the creation of a fully dedicated multidisciplinary paediatric rheumatology centre in Wales.
- Business Managers agreed to schedule the next Individual Members Debate in the autumn term.

4 The Assembly Timetable – Fifth Assembly

4.1 Recess Dates

Business Managers confirmed the following recess dates for Spring half term and Easter recess 2018, and provisionally agreed the following dates for Whitsun half term and summer recess 2018.

Spring Half Term 2018 (1 week)	<i>Mon 19 Feb 2018 – Sun 25 Feb 2018</i>
Easter Recess 2018 (3 weeks)	<i>Mon 26 March 2018 – Sun 15 April 2018</i>
*Whitsun Half Term 2018 (1 week)	<i>Mon 28 May – Sun 3 June 2018</i>
*Summer Recess 2018 (8 weeks)	<i>Monday 23 July – Sun 16 Sept 2018</i>

* Provisional dates to be considered by Business Committee.

5 Committees

5.1 Letter from the Standards of Conduct Committee

Business Managers agreed in principle to a request from Standards Committee to hold an additional meeting on Tuesday 18 July 2017.

6 Legislation

6.1 Paper to note – The UK Government's Legislative Programme – letter from Jane Hutt

Business Managers noted the letter.

6.2 Paper to note – The UK Government's Legislative Programme – letter from Alun Cairns

Business Managers noted the letter.

Any Other Business

Business Managers discussed the trial of a new structure for the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme during Plenary on 27 June, and agreed to re-visit the arrangements with a view to amending Standing Orders in the autumn term – at the same time as they review questions, Members Legislative Proposals and other changes introduced over the past year. The Secretariat will work on options for Business Managers to consider.