

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 25 April 2023

Meeting time: 09.03 – 09.12

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Siân Gwenllian MS Darren Millar MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Yan Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	Jane Dodds MS David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service, Siân Wilkins, Head of Procedures and Parliamentary Skills Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the meeting

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed for publication

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This week's business

Tuesday

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes:

- Statement by the Minister for Economy: Shared Prosperity and Levelling Up (30 mins) *Re-ordered to item 6*
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Historical Adoption Practices (30 mins)
- The Construction Contracts (Exclusion) (Wales) Order 2023 (±5 mins)
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.05pm.

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she has agreed to a request from the BBC to film in the public gallery during the statement on Historical Adoption Practices.

Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.40pm.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd drew Business Managers' attention to the following changes:

Tuesday 2 May 2023

- Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: The Coronation of HM King Charles III (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Neurodivergence Improvement Programme (30 mins)
- ~~LCM on the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill (30 mins)~~ – *postponed until 23 May*

Tuesday 9 May 2023

- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Update on Ukraine (30 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

The following additions were agreed to the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 17 May 2023 –

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Homelessness (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Peter Fox (Monmouth) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Update on LCMs

Business Committee considered an update from the Trefnydd and agreed to:

- extend the reporting deadline for the LCM on the Data Protection and Digital Information (No 2) Bill to 6 July 2023;

- refer the LCM on the Illegal Migration Bill laid on 31 March to the Equality and Social Justice Committee, the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny with a reporting deadline of 15 June 2023;
- refer the LCM on the Non-Domestic Rating Bill laid on 11 April, to the Local Government and Housing Committee, the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, the Finance Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 22 June 2023;
- refer the LCM on the Protection from Sex-based Harassment Bill laid on 17 April to the Equality and Social Justice Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 18 May; and
- to pre-emptively refer the supplementary LCM (Memorandum No 3) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 22 May.

4.2 Correspondence from the Temporary Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee regarding Supplementary LCM (No.2) on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill

Business Committee noted the letter

5 Any other business

Tabling arrangements

The Llywydd reminded Business Managers' of the changes required to tabling arrangements over the next two weeks due to the bank holidays on 1 and 8 May.

In addition to those changes, due to scheduled strike action on Friday 28 April, the ballot for oral questions to the First Minister, the Minister for Finance and Local Government and the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd on 9 and 10

May will now take place on Thursday 27 April. Government motions for Tuesday 9 May will also be tabled by Thursday 27 April.