

# Minutes – Business Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 9 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.13

**Private**

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Darren Millar MS Rhun ap Iorwerth 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, Deputy Chief Executive and Clerk and Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Helen Carey, Welsh Government



## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Llywydd welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Heledd Fychan, Rhun ap Iorwerth attended in her place.

## 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 informed Business Managers of the following additions:

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: South Wales Fire and Rescue Service review of culture and values (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy: The compound semiconductor industry (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism: Statutory registration and licensing of visitor accommodation (30 mins)
- There will be no Voting Time.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.45pm.

#### Wednesday

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 7.10pm.

### 3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following changes to the Three Week Timetable of Government Business:

#### Tuesday 16 January 2024

- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Escalation and intervention arrangements (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Ystadau Cymru (30 mins)
- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (5 mins)
- Debate: Levelling-up (60 mins)

#### Tuesday 23 January 2024

- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: The Child Poverty Strategy for Wales (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy: The economy of the Heads of the Valleys (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Implementation of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the World Health Organisation Europe (30 mins)
- The Wine (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (15 mins)

### 3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

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

**Wednesday 31 January 2024 –**

- Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal (30 mins)
- Debate on petitions P-06-1359 and P-06-1362 concerning support for childcare costs (30 mins)
- Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee's Annual Report on International Relations 2022-23 (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Sarah Murphy (Bridgend) (30 mins)

## **4 Legislation**

### **4.1 The Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill timetable**

Business Committee agreed a revised timetable for Senedd Reform Bill, noting the new deadline for Stage 2 proceedings of 15 March 2024.

The Committee also agreed to table a motion at Stage 2, under Standing Order 26.17(iii), to seek the Senedd's agreement for Stage 2 proceedings on the Bill to be undertaken by a Committee of the Whole Senedd.

### **4.2 Update on LCMs**

Business Committee agreed to:

- refer the LCM on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform to the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 15 March 2024.
- refer the LCM on the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny, with a reporting deadline of 15 March 2024.

## **5 Committees**

### **5.1 Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – request for a debate slot**

Business Committee agreed to the Petitions Committee's request to hold a debate on petitions P-06-1359 and P-06-1362 and to schedule the debate on 31 January 2024.