

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue: Online

Meeting date: 23 April 2024

Meeting time: 09.00 – 09.18

Remote / Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt 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 Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service Lisa Griffiths, Procedures Clerk Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

Croesawodd y Llywydd yr Aelodau i'r cyfarfod.



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2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cytunwyd ar gofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol i'w cyhoeddi.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

The Trefnydd informed Business Managers of the following changes:

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language: ~~Economic Priorities~~ Our economic future (30 45 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport: ~~Transport Priorities~~ Priorities for Transport: Listening, partnership, making change (30 45 mins)

Business Committee agreed to table motions to change Labour and Conservative members on a number of committees for consideration in Plenary on Tuesday.

Therefore, the following additional change to Tuesday's agenda was agreed:

- Motions to Elect Members to Committees (5 mins)

Heledd Fychan requested that the First Minister make an oral statement to clarify the position in relation to donations to his leadership campaign and loans made by the Development Bank of Wales. The Trefnydd acknowledged the request.

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.05pm

Wednesday

The Llywydd informed Business Managers of the following change:

- Questions to the Senedd Commission (~~30~~10 mins)

The Llywydd informed Business Managers that she will announce the result of the latest Member Bill ballot at the start of Plenary on Wednesday.

Heledd Fychan questioned why the debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report on the performance of Dŵr Cymru is scheduled for 30 minutes, instead of the usual 60 minutes. The Llywydd confirmed that this was at the request of the Committee but that she would consider extending the debate if there is a high number of speaking requests.

- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.20pm

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 30 April 2024

- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes (30 mins):
 - LCM on the Victims and Prisoners Bill – motion 1
 - LCM on the Victims and Prisoners Bill – motion 2

Tuesday 7 May 2024

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: Working collaboratively to deliver more affordable homes (30 mins)
- The Education Workforce Council (Additional Categories of Registration and Further Education Teacher Qualifications) (Wales) Order 2024 (5 mins)
- The Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (15 mins)

Heledd Fychan enquired whether it was the Government's intention to add further business for future weeks. The Trefnydd indicated that it is her intention to provide more detail to the timetable going forward.

Darren Millar requested that the default timing for Government statements be returned to 45 minutes. The Trefnydd noted the request and agreed to the following change for 7 May:

- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: Working collaboratively to deliver more affordable homes (~~30~~ 45 mins)

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

As a result of no proposed motions having been tabled for the Member Debate scheduled for 8 May, the following changes were agreed to the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 1 May 2024 –

- ~~Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)~~
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (South Wales East) Alun Davies MS (Blaenau Gwent) (30 mins)

Wednesday 8 May 2024 –

- ~~Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)~~
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- ~~Short Debate: Alun Davies MS (Blaenau Gwent) Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (South Wales East) (30 mins)~~

The following items were scheduled:

Wednesday 15 May 2024 –

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee report – Unheard: Women's journey through gynaecological cancer (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: Cefin Campbell MS (Mid and West Wales) (30 mins)

4 Legislation

4.1 Revised Timetable for the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill

Business Committee agreed to consult with the Health and Social Care Committee on the revised timetable proposed for scrutiny of the Bill and to return to the matter at a future meeting.

5 Procedural Work

5.1 Expedited Bill Timetable Decision-making Criteria

Business Committee considered proposed criteria to help guide future decisions on the timetables for Bills when an expedited scrutiny period is requested.

Darren Millar requested an additional consideration be included in relation to whether the Bill in question contained provisions of a potentially contentious nature.

Business Committee agreed to consider the proposed addition by email and, subject to its agreement, to adopt the criteria for future use when it receives requests to agree an expedited timetable for scrutiny of a Bill.