

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Conference Room 4B – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 25 November 2025

Meeting time: 08.57 – 09.03

Private, Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones MS, Llywydd (Chair) Paul Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Jane Hutt MS
Committee Staff:	Graeme Francis (Clerk) Steffan Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Others in attendance	David Rees MS, Deputy Presiding Officer Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Julian Luke, Director of Senedd Business Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Marc Wyn Jones, 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 Jane Dodds MS.



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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 25 November 2025

Business Committee noted the following changes:

- Statement by the First Minister: UK Covid-19 Inquiry: Module 2 report (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education: The Future of Tertiary Education in Wales – Sustainability and Participation (45 mins)
- Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Improving Waiting Times (45 mins) – postponed
- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 5.55pm.

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Business Committee noted the following change

- Questions to the Senedd Commission (~~30~~ 15 mins)
- Voting Time will take place before the Short Debate.
- Plenary is unlikely to run past 6.45pm.

Heledd Fychan and Paul Davies asked when the Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care on Improving Waiting Times would be rescheduled. The

Trefnydd explained that the statement had been postponed due to data quality issues and indicated that it would be rescheduled in early January 2026.

Heledd Fychan questioned whether the 45 minutes allocated to the Statement by the First Minister on the UK Covid-19 Inquiry: Module 2 report would be sufficient given the likely level of interest from Members. The Llywydd indicated that she will consider allowing the item to overrun to ensure that sufficient Members are able to be called.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

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

Tuesday 2 December 2025

- ~~Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: 10 years since organ donation deemed consent (45 mins)~~ - will be issued as a written statement

Heledd Fychan asked why the Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care on organ donation would not be an oral statement, given the importance of the issue. The Trefnydd stated that the Cabinet Secretary had indicated that he did not consider there was sufficient substance to warrant an oral statement, noting also the length of scheduled proceedings on 2 December which includes Stage 3 of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill. The Trefnydd indicated that she would discuss the point raised with the Cabinet Secretary.

3.3 Three week timetable of Senedd Business

Business Managers agreed to schedule the following items on the Three Week Timetable of Senedd Business:

Wednesday 17 December 2025

- Debate on the General Principles of the British Sign Language (BSL) (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

- Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate: John Griffiths MS (Newport East) (30 mins)

Business Managers noted that the financial resolution of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill will be debated on Wednesday 17 December, immediately following the General Principles debate.

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee requesting an alternate committee meeting slot

Business Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee requesting an alternative meeting slot for this week and that this had been agreed outside of committee last week due to the urgent nature of the request.