

Minutes – Business Committee

Meeting Venue:

Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ

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Meeting date: 15 October 2019

Meeting time: 08.30 – 08.41

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Committee Members:	Elin Jones AM, Llywydd (Chair) Rebecca Evans AM Darren Millar AM Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Caroline Jones AM
Committee Staff:	Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)
Others in attendance	Ann Jones AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Siwan Davies, Director of Assembly Business Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service Elin Roberts, Policy Adviser to the Llywydd Helen Carey, Welsh Government

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes for the meeting were agreed by the Committee for publication



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3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

Tuesday

- Voting Time will take place as the last item of business.

Wednesday

- All voting will take place before the Short Debate.

3.2 Three Week Timetable of Government Business

The Trefnydd notified Business Managers of the following change to Government Business for the next 3 weeks:

Tuesday 5 November 2019 –

- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Annual Update on Reforming Local Government Finance (45 mins)
- LCM on the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill (15 mins) – withdrawn

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 13 November 2019 –

- Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2020–21 (30 mins)
- Short Debate Vikki Howells (Cynon Valley)
- Debate on Stage 3 of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill (180 mins)

4 Committees

4.1 Letter from the Chair of External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Business Managers agreed the Committee's request to hold a meeting outside its timetabled slot.

5 Standing Orders

5.1 Oral Assembly Questions

Business Managers confirmed their decision to reduce the number of OAQs that appear on the Plenary agenda from 15 to 12, and to update the Guidance on the Proper Conduct of Assembly business accordingly.

They also agreed to propose the change to Standing Order 12.63 to make permanent the reduction in the number of times a Member may enter the ballot for Ministerial OAQs from twice to once, and to lay a report to this effect.

Business Managers are content for Members to continue to be able to table two OAQs to the Counsel General in his law officer role.

They also agreed to reduce the number of Members selected in the initial ballot from 20 to 16, and to update the Guidance on the Proper Conduct of Assembly business accordingly.

5.2 Paper to note – letter from the Chair of Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Business Managers noted the letter setting out the Committee's comments on the proposed Consolidation Bills Standing Order.