

Elin Jones MS
Llywydd
Chair of Business Committee

1 October 2021

Request for additional meetings

Dear Elin,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Committee to ask that Business Committee considers a request for additional meeting time this term.

Business Committee will be aware of the previous concerns raised by the Committee - that a single morning slot every fortnight will not allow it to cover the breadth and depth of the issues facing the organisations and individuals within its portfolio. Along with Draft Budget and pre-appointment scrutiny commitments and, given the size of the Committee's remit, the Committee would not be able to complete its planned work with each sector within its remit before March 2022. It is concerning to the Committee that it requires this amount of time to complete work that would normally have been completed within a half term period.

The Committee's initial meetings with representatives from each sector are necessary to investigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and Brexit on their work. The Committee are also inquiring about stakeholders' priorities for the Welsh Government's Draft Budget to be published in December. As these matters are time sensitive, the Committee needs to complete these sessions sooner rather than later. On that basis, the Committee wishes to request the following additional meeting slots during the mornings of the following dates:

- Wednesday 20 October 2021 (during protected week)
- Thursday 18 November 2021
- Wednesday 15 December 2021 (during protected week)

It should be noted that no Committee Members have other committee meetings on the Thursday of its quiet week. The majority of Members do not have clashes with the dates requested by other committees in protected weeks.

The Committee would be grateful for Business Committee's consideration of this matter at its earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.