

Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Tŷ Hywel**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 14 October 2014**

Meeting time: **08.30 – 08.37**

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Minutes: Private

Committee Members:

Dame Rosemary Butler (Chair)

Paul Davies

Jane Hutt

Elin Jones

Aled Roberts

Committee Staff:

Aled Elwyn Jones (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer

**Christopher Warner, Head of Policy and Legislation
Committee Service**

Siân Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service

Craig Stephenson

Peter Greening, Welsh Government

1 Apologies & announcements

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

3 Organisation of Business

3.1 This Week's Business

The Minister for Finance and Government Business updated the Committee on changes to Government Business on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business.

3.2 Three week timetable of Government Business

Business Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3.3 Three week timetable of Assembly Business

Business Managers noted that the Short Debate scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 November may be postponed.

Business Committee determined the organisation of business and agreed to schedule the following items of business:

Wednesday 12 November 2014

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)

4 Standing Orders

4.1 Letter from the Chair of the Standards of Conduct Committee

Business Committee considered a letter by the Standards of Conduct Committee with regards to amending Standing Order 22.5. The letter outlines the Committee's opinion that substitutes should be allowed in instances where a Member may be party to a complaint in ways other than as the subject of it. These 'alternate members' should be agreed by the Assembly at the same time as election of the permanent committee member.

Business Managers agreed in principle to the Standards Committee's recommendation that Standing Orders be amended.

The Secretariat will bring forward detailed proposals for Business Managers' consideration at a future meeting.