

# **Business Committee BC(2)33-06 (Final minutes)**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006

**Time:** 9.00 a.m.

**Venue:** Conference Room C

**Present:** Jenny Randerson (Chair)  
Jane Hutt, Business Minister  
Lisa Francis, Welsh Conservatives  
Business Manager

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business  
Manager

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal  
Democrats Manager

John Marek, Deputy Presiding Officer  
(attending in accordance with Standing  
Order 13.2)

Paul Silk, Clerk to the Assembly

Andrew George, Clerk to the Business  
Committee

Marion Stapleton, Assembly Business  
Unit

Adrian Crompton, Members' Research  
and Committee Service

Peter Jones, Counsel to the Assembly  
Parliamentary Service

Alun Jenkins, DLS (Agenda Item 4)  
Marc Wyn Jones, Business Committee  
Secretariat

Leanne Hatcher, Business Committee  
Secretariat

Eve Pennant-Jones, PS to the Deputy  
Presiding Officer

## **1. Apologies & announcements**

## **2. Minutes of the previous meetings**

### **(i) BC(2)31-06 (Final minutes) - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006**

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their final format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

**Action: Chamber Secretariat**

### **(ii) BC(2)32-06 (draft minutes) - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

2.2 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. As there were no comments, they would be translated before being submitted to the Committee in final draft.

**Action: Chamber Secretariat**

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **BC(2)32-06 (draft minutes)**

**3.1 Paragraph 3.2** The Business Minister reported back on the requirement for the current Assembly to make a statutory instrument to set the date of the first plenary meeting following the 2007 elections. She said that the issue had not been discussed during the party leaders' meeting. However, an e-mail would be circulated asking party leaders to consult with their groups on the issue and she would be in a position to report back in due course.

**3.2 Paragraph 4.1** In response to a query from Lisa Francis on issues relating to The Local Government Act 2003 (Commencement No.1 and Savings) (Wales) Order 2006 **BC(2)32-06 (p1)** and associated Orders **BC(2)32-06(p2)**, **BC(2)32-06(p3)** & **BC(2)32-06(p4)**, the Business Minister said that an e-mail had been sent to Assembly Members by the Minister for Local Government and Public Services on 4<sup>th</sup> December, explaining the issues.

### **4. Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Orders for consideration**

The National Health Service (Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Independent Nurse Prescribers, Supplementary Prescribers, Nurse Independent Prescribers and Pharmacist Independent Prescribers) (Wales) Regulations 2007 - **BC(2)33-06(p1)**

*& Report of the Health and Social Services Committee* - **BC(2)33-06(p12)**

The Seed (Wales) (Amendments for Tests and Trials etc.) Regulations 2007 - **BC(2)33-06 (p2)**

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Waste Management Licensing) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 - **BC(2)33-06(p3)** *Standing Order 25, section 3*

**The Business Committee recommended the Standard procedure for BC(2)33-06(p1) and BC(2)33-06(p3) and the Accelerated procedure for BC(2)33-06(p2).**

**(b) Standing Order 26 Subordinate Legislation**

**(c) Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation**

**(d) Orders made under the Executive Procedure; Papers to note.**

**(e) Papers for Information**

**BC(2)33-06(p4) & BC(2)33-06(p5)**

4.1 The Committee noted the e-mails about the Minister for Environment Planning and Countryside's intention to approve:

The Emissions Trading Scheme (Wales) Directions 2006.

Part 2A Statutory Guidance on Contaminated Land (2006).

**BC(2)33-06(p6)**

4.2 The Committee noted the e-mail about the Minister for Health and Social Services' intention to approve The Codes of Conduct and Accountability for NHS Boards and the Code of Conduct for NHS Managers Directions 2006.

**5. Committees**

## **6. Forthcoming Business**

### **Responses to Requests**

#### **BC(2)33-06(p7)**

6.1 The Committee noted the Business Minister's responses to requests for items of business:

A written statement had been issued on the mini-tornado in Ceredigion.

An oral statement had been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December on the Cryptosporidiosis outbreak.

A written statement had been issued on the installation of passing loops along the Cambrian Coast line and the piloting of concessionary fares on rural lines.

There was currently no intention to make a statement on the LNG gas pipe.

An oral statement on Marine Protection Areas had been made by the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

A written statement on Nuclear Waste had been issued on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

There was currently no intention to make a statement on the timing for the Lyons Review.

There was currently no intention to schedule a debate on Post Office Networks, as it was not a devolved matter.

There was no intention to schedule a debate on the Convergence Programme, as an oral statement had been scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## This Week's Business

### **BC(2)33-06(p8)**

6.2 The Business Minister said that no motions had been tabled for The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Wild Birds) (Wales) Order 2006 and The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Poultry) (Wales) Order 2006, which had been scheduled for Wednesday, and which would now be postponed until 12<sup>th</sup> December.

6.3 The Business Minister said that there were no other changes to the week's business.

### Business Managers' Requests

6.4 Jocelyn Davies asked if the following item of business could be scheduled:

A statement on the change of education policy for under 7 year olds and its financial implications.

6.5 Kirsty Williams supported the above request and asked if the following item of business could be scheduled:

A statement on GP contracts.

6.6 Lisa Francis supported the above requests and asked if the following items of business could be scheduled:

An oral statement on the impact for Wales of the announcement from Westminster regarding the roll out of the International Baccalaureate Scheme.

An oral statement on the Health Minister's response to the Ambulance Review by the Auditor General for Wales.

A written statement on HIV in Wales and the number of sufferers and the action being taken.

### Draft Business Statement - BC(2)33-06(p9)

6.7 The Business Committee noted the Business Minister's proposed statement about the

organisation of the Assembly business for the weeks commencing 12 December, 16 January and 23 January.

6.8 The Chair referred to Alun Ffred Jones' short debate which had been postponed in Plenary on 29<sup>th</sup> November. She asked when the debate would be rescheduled. The Business Minister said it would take place in the New Year.

## **7. Advice to Assembly on procedures**

### **BC(2)33-06(p10)**

7.1 The Committee noted the paper on the progress of proposals for legislation under Standing Order 31.

7.2 Lisa Francis referred to her proposal for legislation, which had been approved by the Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that a motion would need to be tabled alongside a feasibility report on the proposal before the 4<sup>th</sup> January. The Business Minister said that the debate on the second phase of the proposal had been scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> January and that the requirements of Standing Orders would be complied with.

7.3 Kirsty Williams referred to Mike German's proposal for legislation. She said that the Government had given a commitment to allow Mike German to bring forward an amended proposal for consideration by the Assembly as his original proposal had been ruled out of order. The Committee noted that the new proposal would not be subject to the requirements of Standing Order 31. Marion Stapleton said she would e-mail Kirsty Williams on this issue.

### **BC(2)33-06(p11)**

7.4 The Committee noted the updating paper on Huw Lewis' proposal for legislation under Standing Order 31.

## **8. Matters referred from plenary**

### **9. Revisions to Standing Orders**

**10. Presiding Officer rulings**

**11. Any other business.**

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