

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE STANDING ORDERS

Introduction

1. The Business Committee has considered and approved the following proposed temporary revisions to Standing Orders.

Committee on Rail Infrastructure and Improved Passenger Services

2. At an informal meeting of the Committee on Rail Infrastructure and Improved Passenger Services on 17th January, the nominated members indicated that they were content to allow substitutions at meetings of this committee. The following new Standing Order 8.26C will give effect to this proposal. The Standing Order will cease to exist, coterminous with the committee, on 19th May 2006.

Proposed new Standing Order 8.26C

“8.26C A member of the Committee on Rail Infrastructure and Improved Passenger Services, who has given advance notice to the chair may be represented at a meeting, or part of a meeting of this committee by another member from the same political group who has been identified in advance. The nominated representative may participate in the meeting of the committee in all respects as if he or she were a member of it. No member may represent more than one committee member at a meeting. This Standing Order will cease to exist on 19th May 2006.”

Committee on the Government of Wales Bill

3. This revision will enable the Committee to meet in Recess weeks.

Proposed New Standing Order 8.19B

“The Committee on the Government of Wales Bill may meet in a week in which the Assembly is not holding a Plenary meeting. This Standing Order will cease to exist on Royal Assent of the Bill”

Proposal

4. The proposed revisions have been agreed by Business Committee. The Assembly is invited to approve them.

Clerk to the Business Committee
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