

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**PROPOSALS TO REVISE STANDING ORDERS**

**Introduction**

1. The Business Committee has considered and agreed the following temporary revision to Standing Orders (in accordance with Standing Order 37.4) in connection with the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper :-

**Standing Order 8.19B**

*8.19B The Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper may meet in a week in which the Assembly is not holding a Plenary meeting. A member of this Committee 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. In the absence of the Presiding Officer, (or at his request), the Deputy Presiding Officer may chair meetings of the Committee.*

This revision will allow Committee members to send substitutes to meetings of the Committee and will mean that the Deputy Presiding Officer, in the absence of the Presiding Officer, may chair meetings of the Committee. The revision will cease to have effect on 30 October 2005.

**Recommendation**

2. The Business Committee has agreed the proposed amendments and invites the Assembly to approve them.

**Business Committee Secretariat**  
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