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[Business Committee](#)

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Report on Provisional Recess Dates 2010-2011

1. On 2 March 2010, the Business Committee considered the recess dates for 2010-2011 as well as the recommendation of the Independent Review Panel on the Assembly's sitting times.

The Independent Review Panel's recommendation

2. The Independent Review Panel reported on the current arrangements for the financial support of Assembly Members in July 2009 ('Getting it Right for Wales'). It addressed the issue of the Assembly's capacity and included a recommendation to Business Committee regarding increasing the number of sitting weeks.

3. The Panel recommended that the Business Committee should increase sitting time up to a maximum of 36 weeks per year, in order to ensure that there is sufficient time to scrutinise the legislative programme.

Provisional Recess Dates

4. In light of the Independent Review Panel's recommendation, the Business Committee agreed provisional recess dates, which will be reviewed following further information about the Government's forthcoming Legislative Programme.

5. The provisional recess dates are as follows:

	Provisional Recess Dates
Summer Recess	Mon 19 Jul 10 - Sun 19 Sep 10
Autumn Half Term	Mon 25 Oct 10 - Sun 31 Oct 10
Christmas Recess	Mon 13 Dec 10 - Sun 9 Jan 11
Spring Half Term	Mon 14 Feb 11 - Sun 20 Feb 11
Assembly Election Period*	<i>1 April 11 - Sun 8 May 11</i>

* Dissolution date to be determined by the Secretary of State by Order.