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THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 1999

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA (MORNING SESSION)

The session will commence at 9am

Questions to the First Secretary (15 minutes)

A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Urgent Questions to the First Secretary

The Presiding Officer has accepted urgent questions under standing order 6.31 from Ieuan Wyn Jones on the UK Government agriculture package and Nick Bourne on the Beef on the Bone ban.

Statement on the Millennium Date

Debate on the Partnership Council

Motion: To propose that the Assembly:

Considers and notes the report laid before it on the responses to the consultation on the establishment of the Partnership Council;

In accordance with paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 1998, approves the Standing Orders of the Partnership Council;

In accordance with paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 1998, appoints the following persons to be members of the Partnership Council:

National Assembly for Wales (11 members)

Alun Michael AM Peter Law AM Tom Middlehurst AM Sue Essex AM Gwenda Thomas AM Dafydd Wigley AM Janet Ryder AM Janet Davies AM Nick Bourne AM David Davies AM Michael German AM

County and County Borough Councils (10 Members)

Cllr Harry Jones (Newport County Borough Council) Cllr Russell Goodway (Cardiff County Council) Cllr Noel Crowley (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) Cllr John Hopkins (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council) Cllr Mike Hedges (City and County of Swansea) Cllr Jeff Jones (Bridgend County Borough Council) Cllr Lindsay Whittle (Caerphilly County Borough Council) Cllr Alun Ffred Jones (Gwynedd Council) Cllr Rhys Webb (Denbighshire County Council) Cllr David Lloyd-Evans (Ceredigion County Council)

Community Councils (2 Members)

Cllr Richard John Edwards (Prestatyn Town Council) and a nomination from the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils to be submitted to the Assembly at a later date.

National Park Authorities (1 Member)

Cllr Gordon Cawood (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority)

Police Authorities (1 Member)

Cllr Ray Thomas (South Wales Police Authority)

Fire Authorities (1 Member)

Cllr Derek Rees (South Wales Fire Authority)

Term of office - subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 1998, the persons appointed as members of the Partnership Council shall remain a members until the end of the day before the next ordinary elections to the National Assembly for Wales. (NDM91AG)

Topic for Short Debate (to commence by 12.00pm) Peter Black (South Wales West): The maintenance of school buildings.

The session will conclude at 12.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm later today (Thursday 23rd September 1999)

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

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THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 1999

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA (AFTERNOON SESSION)

The session will commence at 2pm

Questions to Rhodri Morgan, Secretary for Economic Development (15 minutes) A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Questions to Edwina Hart, Finance Secretary (15 minutes)

A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Business Statement: The Business Secretary

Debate on Best Value

Motion: to approve the Local Government Commencement Order

That the Assembly, acting under section 27(3) of the Local Government Act 1999, brings into force, from either 1 October 1999 or 1 April 2000 as specified by order, provisions of Part I of the Act not brought into force directly by the Act. The Order was laid in the Table Office on 3 September.

The following amendments have been selected:

The Business Secretary: after the final sentence add the words; "The Assembly will also consider the report of the Legislation Committee (laid in the Table Office on 20 September) relating to the draft Order.

Janet Ryder ; At the end of the first sentence in line 3 add the following; "...provided that before the date specified the First Secretary makes adequate provision to ensure that the obligations under the Government of Wales Act 1998, requiring compatibility with the sustainable development scheme and with the principles of equality of opportunity, are adhered to.

Delegation of Functions

Motion: To propose that the Assembly, acting under section 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, delegates its functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Chapter IVA of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as inserted by the 1999 Act), subject to paragraph 2 and to any other resolution of the Assembly, to the Assembly First Secretary.

Functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Chapter IVA of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 shall be taken to include a reference to any functions of the Assembly included in any instrument having effect under or in relation to those Acts.

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.00am on Thursday 30th September 1999 for an all-day session

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly