

BUSINESS PAPERS

TUESDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 2000

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The session will commence at 2pm

Election of Chair of the Committee on European Affairs

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 15.4, replaces with immediate effect Alun Michael (labour) with Rhodri Morgan (Labour) as chair of the Committee on European Affairs

Questions to the First Secretary (30 minutes)

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

Business Statement: the Business Secretary

Approval of The Seeds (Fees)(Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft

Order The Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 16 February 2000

(b) considers the principle of the Order; and

(c) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in

Table Office on 11 February 2000

Approval of the Assembly's application to join the Welsh European Centre in Brussels

That the Assembly in exercise of its powers under sections 33 and 40 of the Government of Wales Act 1998:-

Authorises the First Secretary to make formal application on behalf of the Assembly for membership of the Wales European Centre ("WEC") and to take all such steps as are necessary to enable the Assembly to comply with the conditions for membership;

Notes that upon such application being accepted the Assembly will be entitled to appoint:-

three directors to the Board of WEC; and

three representatives at all General Meetings of WEC but who will be entitled to cast a single vote on behalf of the Assembly.

Resolves that each of the three largest political groups represented in the Assembly be entitled to nominate one Assembly Member as director and authorises the First Secretary to communicate the names of those Assembly Members to the WEC as the Assembly's nominees as directors.

Resolves that each Assembly Member nominated as a director of WEC shall, subject to the Articles of Association of WEC, continue to hold office as director until the next Assembly ordinary elections unless in the meantime the director ceases to be a Member of the Assembly, or resigns as director, or is required to resign as director by resolution of the Assembly.

Requires that any such director who exercises the power specified in WEC's Articles of Association to appoint from time to time an alternate director may only do so by appointing a person who is an Assembly Member who has been named in an Assembly resolution as a prospective alternate director.

Resolves that the three directors nominated on behalf of the Assembly or their authorised alternates be the persons authorised to represent the Assembly at any General Meeting of WEC, and authorises the First Secretary to nominate which of those persons is entitled to exercise the Assembly's vote if necessary.

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate - but votes will be taken separately:

(1+2)

(3)

Amendment 1 - Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon);

In the last paragraph replace "the First Secretary" with "the National Assembly through a resolution in Plenary".

Amendment 2 - Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon);

Add at end of motion:

Whilst welcoming the new partnership with the Wales European Centre, the National Assembly should seek every opportunity to second members of its staff to UK REP, Welsh European Centre and the European Commission.

Amendment 3 - Michael German (South Wales East);

Add at the end of the motion: "Resolves to press for a review of the membership structure of the Board of the Welsh European Centre to ensure appropriate and adequate representation of all political parties represented in the Assembly."

Approval of the Special Grant Report on Asylum Seekers.

To propose that the Assembly, under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.10, approves the Special Grant Report (No.2) (Wales) 2000, which was laid in the Table Office on 22 February 2000

Short Debate: (to commence by 5pm)

Janet Ryder, (North Wales); Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn - Regional Centre of Excellence?

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 1st March 2000

J W Lloyd

