

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH 2000**

**PART 1 – SECTION A**

**AGENDA**

**The session will commence at 2pm**

**Questions to Rosemary Butler, Secretary for Pre-16 Education (15 minutes)**

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

**Questions to Christine Gwyther, Secretary for Agriculture & Rural Development (15 minutes)**

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

**Approval of the local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Rate of Discount for 2000/2001) (Wales) Regulations 2000**

To propose that the Assembly,

- a. considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Rate of Discount for 2000/2001) (Wales) Regulations 2000, laid in the Table Office on 3 February 2000
- b. considers the principle of the draft Order
- c. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 1 March 2000

**Debate to mark International Women's Day**

This Assembly celebrates International Women's Day and welcomes the role that women in Wales and across the world play in their communities, in their families and in their workplace. The Assembly notes with particular pleasure its position as a leader amongst democratic political institutions in Europe for the representation of women and for its statutory responsibility to have due regard to equal opportunities in the way it exercises its functions and carries out its business.

This Assembly commits itself to work to remove the continuing inequalities that exist. It notes with particular concern the problems of low pay and the gap between women's and men's pay; the continuing low level of childcare and support for women as carers. It also notes the

continuing level of violence against women and the double discrimination faced by ethnic minority women and disabled women.

The Assembly commits itself to work with the Wales Women's National Coalition, the Equal Opportunities Commission and other organisations to tackle these problems and to achieve the aspirations contained in their National Agenda for Action, which arises for the UN Agenda for Women

**The session will conclude at 5.30pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**2.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th March 2000**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**