

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2000

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

The Division Bell will ring at 9.00am

Election of the Deputy Presiding Officer

Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance and Communities (15 minutes)

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

Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Environment, Transport & Planning (15 minutes)

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

Approval of the Local Government Commencement Order

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of the Local Government Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2000 laid in the Table Office on 4 October 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The Local Government Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 October 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 4 October 2000

Approval of The Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly, acting in accordance with Standing Order No 22.33 approves the draft of the Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2000, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 12 October 2000

Debate on the National Library

To propose that the National Assembly:

- welcomes the National Library's plans to open up its collections and services to a larger number of users and a wider range of users, with a special emphasis on reaching those engaged in learning; and to co-operate with other cultural and educational organisations in order to make best use of the resources that are available;
- supports the National Library's proposal to undertake a large scale extension in the collections and services which it provides remotely, mainly in digital form over the Internet, to users in Wales and around the world;
- endorses the policy of the New Opportunities Fund to provide financial assistance to enable all public libraries, where practicable, to be on-line and linked to the National Grid for Learning by the end of 2002;
- encourages all public library authorities, and the National Library, to consolidate and develop their role in tackling social disadvantage and providing opportunities for learning

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)

1. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);

Add at the end of bullet point 3 'and will monitor the process thoroughly.'

2. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);

Add new bullet point 5 'Will ensure the provision of sufficient appropriate broadband networks throughout Wales so that these National Library and Local Government projects can be undertaken.'

Short Debate: (to last 30 minutes)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales); The implications for the National Assembly of a coalition of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups

The session is expected to conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 24th October 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly