

BUSINESS PAPERS

TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2000

PART 1 - SECTION A

AGENDA

The session will commence at 2pm

Questions to the First Minister (30 minutes)

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

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

Debate on the Single Programming Documents for LEADER, INTERREG (WALES - IRELAND programme) and URBAN Community Initiatives

To propose that the National Assembly:

- i. Takes note of the draft Single Programming Documents for the Leader+, INTERREG (WALES-IRELAND programme) and URBAN Community Initiatives, laid in the Table Office on 7 November 2000; and
- i. Authorises the Minister for Economic Development to submit them to the European Commission later this month in accordance with the prescribed timetable, with such additions or amendments as are necessary to meet the Commission's requirements.

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 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at the end of motion as new bullet point:

Recognises that the extra funds allocated in the Comprehensive Spending Review to cover European Grants for the Structural Funds and the Community Initiatives assumes a gradual build-up of actual spending and urges that Coalition Government of Wales to press the Treasury to ensure that if the spending on worthwhile projects increases more rapidly than assumed in the CSR the extra funds will be allocated.

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at the end of motion as new bullet point:

Regrets the fact that the link between this Initiative and meeting the needs of the most deprived areas has been lost and calls on the local LEADER groups to specifically target the most deprived communities within their area;

Emphasises the importance of targeting young people within the LEADER+ Initiative to rectify the out-migration of this particular group from rural areas;

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at the end of motion as new bullet point:

Welcomes the INTERREG IIIA Wales - Ireland Initiative as an important opportunity to establish further collaboration within the economic and cultural fields between the two areas;

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 16th November 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly