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PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Questions to Mike German, Minister for Economic Development (15 minutes)

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

Finance Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities (15 minutes) A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Approval of the Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointments) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000, laid in the Table Office on 7 November 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

Approval of the NHS (General Dental Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 7 November;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000

Debate on the Upgrade of School Buildings

To propose that the National Assembly notes and welcomes the significant increases in capital expenditure for schools proposed in the Finance Minister's draft budget laid in the Table Office on 19th October 2000.

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)+(4)+(5)+(6)+(7)

1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Insert after "19th October 2000":

"but regrets that there has not been a noticeable improvement in the general condition of Welsh schools in the last three and a half years".

2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

At end of motion add :

"and encourages the Education Minister and Local Authorities in Wales to utilise the full potential of the Private Finance Initiative to ensure that the level of capital investment in schools is maximised".

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Delete "significant" and insert at end of motion:

"and notes that the £5.9m increase in capital expenditure for schools barely scratches the surface of the £325m backlog in school repairs, as estimated by the WLGA."

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as bullet point at end of motion :

"To propose that the National Assembly commits itself to providing improved and sustained investment in school buildings in Wales."

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as bullet point at end of motion :

"To propose that the National Assembly notes its disappointment that overall capital funding for education in 2001-02 will be lower than the current financial year by almost £12m."

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as bullet point at end of motion :

Recognises the important strategic role that Local Education Authorities continue to play in allocating funding for school repairs in Wales.

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as bullet point at end of motion

To propose that the National Assembly, in allocating future capital expenditure for schools, gives thorough consideration to:

a) the principles of sustainability;

b) the use by the wider community of school facilities.

Short Debate: (to last 30 minutes)

Phil Williams (South Wales East); The Future Role of Renewable Energy

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 28th November 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly