

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2000

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Questions to Jenny Randerson, Minister for Culture and Sports (15 minutes)

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

Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs (15 minutes)

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

Approval of The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Wales) Regulations 2000, laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2000;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 9 November 2000.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as a new bullet point

(c) undertakes to investigate the possibility of introducing a 'Labour Unit' calculation in any future review of the scheme in order to increase the assistance to farm businesses that offer employment

Revision of Standing Orders (6.20)

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order 26:

- i. considers the report of the Business Committee laid in the Table Office on 28th November 2000;
- ii. approves the following revisions to the Standing Orders;
- iii. resolves that the revisions shall take effect immediately:

Standing Order 6.20

1. In sub paragraph (i) delete "by" and insert "either"
2. In sub paragraph (ii) insert "by" before "roll call" and add ", or" after "membership"
3. Add new sub paragraph:
"(iii) if the Presiding Officer so decides, by show of hands. Where at least three Members object to the Presiding Officer's decision, a roll call in alphabetical order shall take place."

Revision of Standing Orders (4)

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order 26:

- i. considers the report of the Business Committee laid in the Table Office on 14th November 2000;
- ii. approves the following revisions to the Standing Orders;
- iii. resolves that the revisions shall take effect immediately:

Standing Order 4 - Annex

1. In the *General* section, delete:

" I. In registering an interest, a Member is required to enter the existence of a contract or the source of the income or benefit, and to indicate to within £5,000 the sums involved. "

2. Renumber the remaining paragraphs of the *General* section.

nb: changes to Standing Orders require a 2/3 majority

Amendment to the National Assembly for Wales (Assembly Members and Officers) (Salaries, Allowances etc.) Determination 1999

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 16(2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order 3 amends the National Assembly for Wales (Assembly Members and Officers) (Salaries, Allowances etc.) Determination 1999, e-mailed to all Members on 30 November 2000, as follows

Delete sections 9.1 and 9.2 and insert the following:

"9.1 Members are entitled to claim an Office Costs Allowance to cover the costs to him/her of maintaining a constituency office where those costs are necessarily incurred in connection with his/her duties as an Assembly Member.

9.2 Members may claim an amount of Office Costs Allowance not exceeding £9,300 in the year commencing 1 April 2000. "

nb: changes to this item requires a 2/3 majority

Adoption of the Assembly's Budget

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.3, adopts the final budget for the financial years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, laid in the Table Office on Wednesday 29th November 2000 by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities, Edwina Hart.

Short Debate: (to last 30 minutes)

Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire); Access for All

The session is expected to conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th December 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

