

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 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**

Composite motion to approve:-

**The Mink Keeping Order (Wales) 2000**

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

Approves:

- The Mink Keeping (Wales) Order 2000 laid in the Table Office on 24 November 2000, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Mink Keeping (Wales) Order 2000, laid in the Table Office 5 December 2000.

**The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Butchers' Shops) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000**

Approves:

- The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Butchers' Shops) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 24 November 2000, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which draws the special attention of the Assembly under Standing Order 11.5 to the draft order, The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Butchers' Shops) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000, laid in the Table Office 5 December 2000 and the memorandum of corrections pursuant to Standing Order 22.13(i) laid in the Table Office on 11 December 2000.

## Motion to approve the Special Grant Report for Leadership Pay Costs and School Improvement Measures 2000-01

To propose that the National Assembly, under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.8, approves the Special Grant Report for the School Support Grant 2000-2001

(No.9) (Wales) 2000, which was laid in the Table Office on 11 December 2000.

## Debate on the Queen's Speech

To propose that the National Assembly:

notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme for 2000-01;

notes that the following proposed Bills are of particular relevance to the Assembly's responsibilities:

1. Children's Commissioner for Wales
2. Health and Social Care
3. Homes
4. Regulatory Reform
5. Special Educational Needs and Disability

remits the above Bills to the relevant subject committees (1 and 2: Health and Social Services; 3: Local Government and Housing; 4: Economic Development; 5: Education) for further consideration as to the provisions they should make for Wales and how the Assembly might use its new powers therein; and requests that each Committee report to the Assembly by 13 February 2001.

## 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+8)

(5+6+7+9+10+11)

(12+13)

## Amendment 1 - Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);

add to end of bullet point one "and regrets the absence of measures to deal with the crisis in

Rural Wales".

**Amendment 2 - David Davies (Monmouth);**

After the first bullet point, insert new bullet point;

Notes the detrimental impact a ban on hunting with dogs would have on the Welsh rural environment. The Assembly calls on its members to express their support for hunting and asks that in accordance with section 33 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 the views of the Assembly are relayed back to the UK Government. The Assembly calls upon the UK Government, in the spirit of devolution, to take full account of its views.

**Amendment 3 - Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);**

After bullet point one to insert new bullet point "notes the 43<sup>rd</sup> announcement on welfare fraud which continues to increase and now stands at record level".

**Amendment 4 - Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);**

After bullet point one to insert "Regrets the inclusion of the Hunting Bill and the divisions it will create within communities in Wales and recognises that it will do nothing to address the current crisis facing the Welsh countryside".

**Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After the first bullet point, add :

and regrets the lack of legislation indicating any commitment to social and geographic redistribution of wealth and prosperity.

**Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After the first bullet point, add :

calls on the First Minister to publish a detailed account of the procedures through which the Assembly can influence the content of the government's legislative programme.

**Amendment 7 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After 'Assembly responsibilities:' in the second bullet point, add:

calls on the First Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales to ensure that all Bills which impact on the functions and responsibilities of the Assembly are drafted in such a way as to permit the Assembly maximum flexibility in implementing their provisions and developing policy in the areas concerned;

**Amendment 8 - Peter Rogers (North Wales);**

Add new bullet point at end of motion:

Notes that the Hunting Bill is of particular relevance to Wales, and refers the Bill to the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee for consideration of its bearing upon Wales, and requests the Minister for Rural Affairs to report on the application of the proposed legislation in Wales.

**Amendment 9 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After the third bullet point, add:

Calls on the relevant Assembly Ministers to make a statement prior to the conclusion of the passage of these Bills through the UK Parliament detailing the extent to which any amendments to the Bills reflect the representations made by the Assembly.

**Amendment 10 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After the third bullet point, add:

And regrets that the Bill to give Courts the power to deprive defendants of trial by jury is to be reintroduced; and that no Bill to conduct a referendum on the introduction of proportional representation was included in the legislative programme.

**Amendment 11 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After the third bullet point, add:

Calls on the Executive to consult the Assembly on which Wales only Bill should be requested in next year's UK legislative programme.

**Amendment 12 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Add new bullet point at end:

"reaffirms its previously stated belief that the abolition of defendants' right to opt for jury trial proposed in the re-introduced Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) Bill amounts to a serious erosion of civil liberties."

**Amendment 13 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Add new bullet point at end:

"endorses the view that the proposed Home Affairs legislation designed to challenge 'job' culture includes illiberal and unworkable measures, which merely serve as election gimmicks."

**The session will conclude at 5.30pm**

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

**9.05 am on Thursday, 11th January 2001**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**