

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY 2001

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health & Social Services (15 minutes)

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

Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education & Life-Long Learning (15 minutes)

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

Questions to House Committee(15 minutes)

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

Approval of 3-Month Timetable of Assembly Business

To propose that the National Assembly, notes the proposed 3-month timetable of Assembly Business laid in the Table Office on 10 January 2001, under standing order 5.1.

Debate on Consultation and Participation

To propose that the National Assembly,

- Affirms its support for a participative approach to the governance of Wales and recognises the significance of public participation in developing effective and distinctive public policies in Wales.
- Notes the document entitled 'Engaging Wales – Consultation and Participation' (which was circulated to Assembly Members by email on 11th January 2001) as part of the ongoing review of the Assembly's procedures.
- Recognises that new methods of consultation will have to be developed in order to genuinely involve those who have previously been excluded from political processes

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:

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(4)

1. William Graham (South Wales East);

Delete first bullet point, and replace with a new bullet point, which reads:

- Affirms its support for a participatory approach to the governance of Wales.

2. William Graham (South Wales East);

Delete the second bullet point.

3. William Graham (South Wales East);

Delete the third bullet point, and replace with a new bullet point, which reads:

- Establishes new and more creative ways of informing people of the issues that directly effect them, then after consultation, provide an easy format by which they may genuinely contribute to the processes that effect their lives.

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

After third bullet point, add:

But regrets that to date the Cabinet has shown little inclination to enter into meaningful consultation and participation or to adequately take account of representations made.

Short Debate: (to last 30 minutes)

Gwenda Thomas (Neath); My right to be a Mrs and a Wife

The session is expected to conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 23rd January 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

