

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 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 the Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001

laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001.

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001 and the memorandum of corrections pursuant to Standing Order 22.13 (i) laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

Approval of The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

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

Approves:

- The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001, and:
- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

Approval of The Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001

To propose that the National Assembly, acting in accordance with Standing Order No 23.10 approves the draft order, The Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2001.

Debate on the Diversity of Public Appointments Report

To propose that the National Assembly:

- Endorses the broad proposals contained in the report from the Committee on Equality of Opportunity entitled 'Report for the National Assembly for Wales Equal Opportunities Committee on Public Appointments to Assembly sponsored Public Bodies', available on the intranet at:

[http://assembly/committees/Equal%20Opportunities%20Committee/Meetings/2000/07-00\(25%20Oct\)/EOC-07-00\(p.1\)%20-%20draft%20report%20on%20public%20appointments.html](http://assembly/committees/Equal%20Opportunities%20Committee/Meetings/2000/07-00(25%20Oct)/EOC-07-00(p.1)%20-%20draft%20report%20on%20public%20appointments.html)

- The National Assembly agrees that the Government of Wales report back on the progress towards implementation by July 2001.

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

The National Assembly expresses its concern at the delay in dealing with claims for compensation by former miners and their families in Wales following the High Court ruling on the 23rd January 1998, and calls on the First Minister to make the strongest representations to the UK government to:

- Employ more medical and administrative staff to speed up the processing of claims
- To abolish its clawback of benefit payments from the settled claims immediately, and
- End its challenge to the pension loss element of compensation claims.

The following amendments have been tabled:

1. William Graham (South Wales East), Alun Cairns (South Wales West);

Place a full stop after "January 1998" and insert

'The persistent changes in Ministerial responsibility for this matter has compounded the delay'

before "and calls on"

2. Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

Delete all after UK Government and add:

"to do everything within its legal powers to ensure the prompt distribution of the funds already made available for the compensation of former miners and dependents".

Short Debate: (to last 30 minutes)

Janice Gregory (Ogmore); Crime:- Not Just a Perception

The session is expected to conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will be in recess from 19th – 23rd February 2001

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 27th February 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

