

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 2001

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Local Government Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities (15 minutes)

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

Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for the Environment (15 minutes)

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

Approval of The National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 18 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 National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2001;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 18 January 2001.

Composite motion to approve:

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

- *Approves:*

- The Education (Education Standards Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 18 January 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Education (Education Standards Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2001.

- *Approves:*

- The Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 18 January 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2001.

- *Approves:*

- The Education (Pupil Records) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 1 February 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Education (Pupil Records) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2001.

- *Approves:*

- The Education (National Curriculum) (Key Stage 3 Assessment Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 18 January 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Education (National Curriculum) (Key Stage 3 Assessment

Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2001.

Debate on the Social Disadvantage Annual Report

To propose that the National Assembly, receives and notes the contents of the National Assembly for Wales' first Annual Report on Social Inclusion distributed to Assembly Members by email and laid in the Table Office on 1 March 2001.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion:

, and calls on the Labour / Liberal Democrat Administration to make a statement on those recommendations set out in the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee report 'Social Exclusion in Wales' (page xxxix 'Matters for the National Assembly for Wales') it intends to implement.

Debate to approve Junior School Class Sizes Special Grant Report

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 Additional Revenue Funding for Local Authority Education Services Special Grant Report (No.4) (Wales) 2001, which was distributed to Assembly Members by email and laid in the Table Office on 1 March 2001.

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

The National Assembly for Wales registers its profound concern at the financial settlement for education following the UK Government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

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)

1. Andrew Davies (Swansea West):

Delete all after 'Wales' and insert

'welcomes the increased expenditure for education in Wales as a result of the additional money available for Wales following the UK Comprehensive Spending Review'.

2. William Graham (South Wales East):

Delete full stop after "Spending Review" and add:

and therefore calls on the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration to set a specific Standard Spending Assessment for delegated schools budgets for each local authority in Wales, as suggested in the consultation paper *Simplifying the System*, in order to ensure a greater degree of transparency for parents and local voters in the funding of maintained schools in their area.

3. William Graham (South Wales East):

At end of motion add:

The National Assembly endorses recommendations regarding the funding of education in Wales as outlined by the Audit Commission on page 61 their report *Money Matters*, issued in November 2000.

4. William Graham (South Wales East):

At end of motion add:

The National Assembly also calls upon the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration to set Welsh LEAs a target to raise the percentage of their local schools budget delegated to schools from the current 81% to 90% for 2002/03, and notes that the levels of delegation by English local authorities is currently at 84%.

5. William Graham (South Wales East):

At end of motion add:

The National Assembly also urges the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration in its consideration of education funding to put the interests of pupils, parents and teachers ahead of

the lobbying positions of the Welsh Local Government Association.

6. William Graham (South Wales East):

At end of motion add:

The National Assembly also calls on the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration to bring forward a Special Grant Report in the financial year 2001-02 making direct payments to schools of at least between £3,000 and £ 9,000 for each primary school and between £30,000 and £50,000 for each secondary school in Wales as occurred in the *Special Grant Report on School Standards and School Support Grant*, approved unanimously by the National Assembly on 16 May 2000.

Short Debate: (30 minutes)

Dr Dai Lloyd (South Wales West); Compensation for Haemophiliacs infected with Hepatitis C

The session is expected to conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 13th March 2001

P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

