

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2001**

**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)

**Debate on the Foot and Mouth Crisis**

**A procedural motion will be proposed by the Minister for Assembly Business under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following *No Named Day Motion* which was tabled on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2001, to change the ordering of business listed in Standing Order 6.11 and to defer Janice Gregory's short debate**

To propose that the National Assembly, debate at the earliest opportunity, the Foot and Mouth Emergency and its effect on the Farming Industry and the wider economy of Wales.

***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)

**1. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

Delete all after 'National Assembly' and replace with:

'recognises the enormous crisis facing agriculture and the wider rural economy in light of the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

## **2. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

Insert at end of motion

Calls on the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs to:

- Immediately commission an all -Wales Action Plan in conjunction with the Rural Partnership which will outline measures to alleviate the current income crisis facing the agricultural, leisure and tourism sectors in Wales and there after promote full recovery. The National Action Plan should be fully funded by the UK Treasury, over and above the Annual Barnett Block.

## **3. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

Insert at end of motion

Calls on the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs to:

- Recognise the shambolic handling of the setting up of Michael Meacher's Foot and Mouth Taskforce

## **4. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

Insert at end of motion

Calls on the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs to:

- Ensure that all decisions relating to livestock culls are based on scientific advice alone and are fully discussed with farmers in advance who are affected by such decisions

## **5. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

Insert at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs to:

- Promote a longer term Agricultural Policy which would include the following elements:
  - Rebuilding a network of small and medium sized abattoirs
  - Promote local food supply chains

- A strategy to assist and develop the food processing industry
- The promotion of equity between retailer, supermarket, processor and farmer

## **Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister**

### **Delegation of Functions of the Transport Act to the First Minister**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under sections 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all the functions of the National Assembly contained in or under the Transport Act 2000 (available on the HMSO web site: <http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000038.htm>) to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in this motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

### **Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru**

#### ***This National Assembly:***

- asserts its belief in the vital importance of a fully integrated transport policy to the economic and social development of Wales;
- deplores the current state of much of our transport infrastructure;
- expresses its concern at the National Assembly's lack of power over rail policy and the Strategic Rail Authority(SRA);
- and calls on the Cabinet to :
  - a. Negotiate with the UK Government as a matter of urgency additional representation for Wales on the SRA, and powers for the National Assembly to instruct the SRA
  - b. Advocate to the UK Government the bringing of Railtrack into public control
  - c. Establish a Passenger Transport Authority Wales to co-ordinate the provision of services.

#### ***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)+(6)+(7)+(9)+(10)

(4)+(5)+(8)+(11)

### **1. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Delete "asserts" in first line of first bullet point and replace with "Re-asserts".

## **2. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Add after "Wales" at the end of first bullet point:

"as set out in *Putting Wales First* and *betterwales.com*"

## **3. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Delete second bullet point and replace with:

"deplores the under-investment in transport infrastructure by successive Conservative governments from 1979-1997 and welcomes the increasing amount of funding announced by the Assembly"

## **4. David Davies (Monmouth);**

Add at end of bullet point 2:

"and deplores the Governments decision to slash road building projects."

## **5. David Davies (Monmouth);**

Insert as new bullet point 4:

"regrets high taxes on fuel paid by motorists in Wales."

## **6. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Add before "Negotiate" in first line of Bullet Point (a):

"Confirms the objective of the Partnership Government to"

## **7. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Add at the end of bullet (a):

"on matters affecting Wales"

**8. David Davies (Monmouth);**

Delete point (b) and replace with:

"recognise that a privatised rail system is the only way to ensure private sector funding for railways, but believes that a new safety authority is needed."

**9. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Delete bullet point (b) and replace with:

"Promote with the UK Government means of delivering a safe and modern rail infra-structure based on enhanced levels of public control"

**10. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

Delete bullet point (c) and replace with:

"Co-operate with the Assembly's EPT Committee in exploring the case for the establishment of a Welsh Passenger Transport Authority or Authorities along with other models for securing integrated transport to co-ordinate provision of services; making the appropriate representations to the UK govt where necessary"

**11. David Davies (Monmouth);**

Add as new point (d) at end of motion:

"Implement practical measures to support different forms of public transport."

**Re-introduced Short Debate** (to last 30 minutes)

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

**The session will conclude at 5.30pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at  
9.05 am on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**