

BUSINESS PAPERS

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL 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)

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

Approval of the Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 2001

To propose that the National Assembly, acting in accordance with Standing Order No 23.10 approves the draft of The Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 2001, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 21 March 2001.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

Delete "21 March 2001" and replace with "27 March 2001".

Debate on the Mental Health Strategies

To propose that the National Assembly:

- recognises the vital importance of good mental health and of high quality mental illness services;
- reaffirms its commitment to making the development of mental health services one of its key priority areas;
- endorses the widespread recommendations that the final "Child and Adolescent" and "Adult Mental Health" Strategies (circulated to the Health & Social Services Committee and notified to Assembly Members on 27 and 28 July 2000 and found on the Internet at http://www.wales.gov.uk/subihealth/content/consultations/menhealth/mhcons_e.htm) should emphasise the need for a holistic approach to mental health
- asks the Minister for Health and Social Services to ensure that the final documents

recognise the importance of a balanced approach to mental health which utilises the skills of the NHS, local government and the voluntary sector to promote good mental health and provide effective services for people with a mental illness

- supports the setting up of an implementation group, to take the strategy forward into practice, and
- draws attention to the vital part which users of mental health services, and their carers, need to be enabled to play both in the development of strategy and in its implementation.

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has determined the order in which they will be taken and has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)+(4)+(6)+(8)+(9)+(10)

(3)+(5)+(7)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Delete ';' and add at the end of the first bullet point :

'that are locally accessible'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Delete ';' and add at the end of the second bullet point:

'And calls on the Labour / Liberal Democrat Partnership Government to

1. increase the availability of a wider range of services, including formal psychotherapies, available in primary care and
2. to prioritise capital investment in the development of the physical estate involved in the delivery of mental health services. '

Amendment 3 - Williams Graham (South Wales East);

delete third bullet point and replace with

- welcomes the *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Strategy* and endorses its recommendations;

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Add at the end of bullet point three:

'and asks the Minister for Health and Social Services to ensure that the final documents emphasise the obligation on statutory authorities to ensure thorough integration between child, adolescent and adult mental health services'

Amendment 5 - Williams Graham (South Wales East);

After third bullet point insert as new bullet point:

- notes the draft Adult Mental Health Strategy (AMHS) and calls upon the Strategy Advisory Group to propose any changes or additions to the strategy's recommendations that are considered desirable in the light of the consultation exercise that has taken place; and invites the Health & Social Services Committee to consider any modifications made to the AMHS on the advice of the Advisory Group;

Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Add at the end of bullet point four:

'and to allocate extra and specific funding to statutory and voluntary bodies for mental health purposes. '

Amendment 7 - Williams Graham (South Wales East);

Delete the fifth bullet point and replace with:

- supports the setting up of a AMHS Implementation Group which will include representatives from:

- the mental health voluntary sector

- mental health service users

- carers of people with a mental illness;

Amendment 8 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Delete '.' and add at the end of bullet point six:

'and asks the Minister for Health and Social Services to ensure that the final documents contain specific recommendations to develop access to mental health services through the language of the service users choice and specific proposals to develop independent advocacy services across Wales.'

Amendment 9 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Add at the end of the motion as a new bullet point:

'calls on the Government of Wales to allocate £50m over three years as a minimum sum to specifically implement the recommendations of these strategic documents'

Amendment 10 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);

Add at the end of the motion as a new bullet point:

'calls on the Minister for Health & Social Services to:

1. undertake a needs assessment review of human resources in the mental health professions
2. and to develop a recruitment and retention strategy specific to the mental health field.'

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru (Debate adjourned from 20 March 2001)

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 determined the order in which they will be taken and has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

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

Amendment 1 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);

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

Amendment 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*"

Amendment 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"

Amendment 4 - David Davies (Monmouth);

Add at end of bullet point 2:

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

Amendment 5 - David Davies (Monmouth);

Insert as new bullet point 4:

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

Amendment 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"

Amendment 7 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);

Add at the end of bullet (a):

"on matters affecting Wales"

Amendment 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."

Amendment 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"

Amendment 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"

Amendment 11 - David Davies (Monmouth);
Add as new point (d) at end of motion:

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

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 5th April 2001

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly