Thursday, 10th May 2001

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Item 1

Oral Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health and Social Services

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Item 2

Oral Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

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Item 3

Oral Questions to House Committee

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Item 4

Debate on the Welsh Development Agency Quinquennial Review

NDM650 To propose that the National Assembly:

Welcomes the completion of the quinquennial review of the Welsh Development Agency and the Cabinet's response to the review's recommendations, which were emailed to Members on 2 May 2001.

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. William Graham (South Wales East);

Alun Cairns (South Wales West);

Add "notes" after "Welsh Development Agency and" and before "the Cabinet's response

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

Delete "." at the end of the motion and add:

", and calls on the Liberal Democrat and Labour administration to respect the autonomy of the Welsh Development Agency to deliver and achieve the strategic targets that have or may be set in the future."

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

Add as a new sentence at the end of the motion:

"The National Assembly calls on the Economic Development Committee to investigate and review the arrangements of Wales Trade International."

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of the motion:

In addition, the National Assembly:

notes the confusion caused by the use of the term "National Assembly" to refer either to the Government, or to elected members, or to officials, as highlighted by the Economic Development Committee during its consideration of the review (Minute 3.3 of 14 February), and stresses the urgency of resolving this ambiguity

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of the motion:

In addition, the National Assembly:

welcomes the recommendation (6) that the <u>net</u> effects of public sector interventions should be monitored, with information on jobs lost to the economy taken into account, and proposes that this principle be accepted without delay

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of the motion:

In addition, the National Assembly:

welcomes the recommendation (13) that an all-Wales strategy for overseas marketing of the WDA and the WTB be developed, and stresses the need for clear guidelines on a consistent "branding" of Wales to ensure the maximum impact of such marketing

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of the motion:

In addition, the National Assembly:

welcomes the recommendation (33) that, "as a matter of urgency, the National Assembly in conjunction with the Programme Monitoring Committee should clarify the WDA's role in the Objective 1 programme", and notes that the regional partnerships led by the WDA did not provide an optimum match to the priorities and measures of the SPD

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Item 5

Approval of Special Grant Report (No 8) (Wales) 2001

NDM651 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 Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No.8) (Wales) 2001 which was laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001 and emailed to Members on 2 May 2001.

Click here for the Report

Item 6 - WITHDRAWN

Debate nominated by Tom Middlehurst in accordance with Standing Order 29 NNDM632 Tom Middlehurst (Alyn and Deeside);

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under standing order 29.2,

- Instructs the Minister for Local Government, Finance and Communities to bring forward a draft order under section 1(5) of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, to designate certain categories of bodies with charitable status as being public bodies for the purposes of that Act;
- Notes that this would allow local authorities to provide goods and services to categories of bodies with charitable status on a formal and regulated basis.

Item 7

Short Debate:

NDM649 Janet Ryder (North Wales); Integrated Travel for Pleasure and Purpose

The session should conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 15th May 2001

E P Silk Clerk to the Assembly