

## AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

### Item 1

#### Oral Questions to the First Minister

Click [here](#) for the questions

### Item 2

**Statement: Update on the Foot & Mouth Disease Impact - Weekly statements will no longer take place**

### Item 3

#### Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

Click [here](#) for the Draft Business Statement

### Item 4

#### Approval of the Education (Extension of Careers Education)(Wales) Regulations 2001

*NDM653 - To propose that the National Assembly:*

Considers the principle of The Education (Extension of Careers Education) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 4 April 2001.

*NDM654 - To propose that the National Assembly:*

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 Education (Extension of Careers Education) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001;

approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 4 April 2001.

Click [here](#) for draft Regulations

Click [here](#) for Legislation Committee Report

### Item 5

#### Debate on Corus

*NDM657-* To propose that the National Assembly,

Deplores the decision of the Corus Company to proceed with the termination of employment of over 3000 of its employees in Welsh steel processing plants, including the whole closure of plants at Ebbw Vale and Bryngwyn and the substantial cuts in capacity at Shotton and Llanwern

Welcomes the £66 million package of support announced by the First Minister on 3 May for both individual steel workers and for the communities which have been reliant on the steel industry.

***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)+(3)+(5)+(6)+(7)+(8)*

*(2)+(4)+(9)*

**1. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

*After "To propose that the National Assembly," insert new paragraph*

"Condemns the management practices used by the directors of the Corus Group management in this matter."

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

In paragraph 1 replace 'over 3000' with 'over 4000'

**3. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

After "Llanwern" add ", but condemns the additional burdens that have been placed on manufacturing industries in particular, through higher taxes, increased red tape and a weak Euro that inevitably destroys any competitive advantage".

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

*At the end of paragraph 1 add two new clauses:*

Recognises that the monetary policies of the UK Government made a major contribution to the problems of the steel industry

Regret that the UK Government took no steps to maintain a critical-mass steel industry in the

UK and refused to consider proposals to restore the industry to public ownership

**5. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

*Insert a new second paragraph:*

"Notes with concern that the loss of these jobs from the steel industry, is a continuation of the pattern in the reduction of manufacturing jobs in Wales".

**6. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

*In the second paragraph:*

1. delete "Welcomes" and insert "Acknowledges that £50 million of" at the beginning of the second paragraph.
2. delete the "full stop" at the end of this paragraph, then add ", has to be reallocated from other Assembly services".

**7. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

*Insert a new third paragraph:*

Whilst acknowledging the setting up of the Cabinet Working Group on Corus, the width of experience and outlook should be extended by:

- changing the title to the Assembly Working group on Corus,
- including a member of all political parties represented at the Assembly,
- include at least two representatives of private sector industry,
- undertake a skills audit to ensure training programmes are directed to maximise re-employment opportunities.

**8. William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Alun Cairns (South Wales West)**

*Add as new paragraph at the end of the motion:*

"Furthermore, this Assembly recognises such financial support is merely treating the symptoms of a wider economic problem and calls on the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration to:

- Lobby the UK Government to introduce policies to improve operating conditions for

manufacturers; and

- Abandon any plans to introduce a local business rate tax.

## **9. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add at end of motion, two new clauses:*

Deplores the fact that of the £66 million in the package only £8 million has come from the UK Government with £8 million coming from the European Union and the remaining £50 million taken from the normal budget of the National Assembly

Recognises that the cost of full economic recovery, including Regional Selective Assistance for jobs to replace those lost on-site, and the costs of new infrastructure, will total £200 million, and urges the Government of Wales to press the UK Treasury for sufficient funds in addition to the Barnett allocation to ensure that full recovery takes place.

### **Item 6**

#### **Debate on Committees' strategic forward work programmes**

*NDM656* - To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 9.9, notes the Strategic Forward Work Programmes and Progress Reports of the National Assembly's Subject Committees on Agriculture & Rural Development, Culture and Local Government & Housing, which were emailed to Members on 8 May 2001.

Click [here](#) for the Progress Report and the Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Agriculture & Rural Development Committee

Click [here](#) for the Progress Report and the Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Culture Committee - Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb

Click [here](#) for the Progress Report and the Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Local Government & Housing Committee

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**The session will conclude by 5.30pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**9.05 am on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**