

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Item 1

Oral Questions to Jenny Randerson, Minister for Culture & Sport

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Item 2

Oral Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs

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Item 3

Composite motion to approve:

NDM662 To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1. Approves:

The Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 28 March 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001.

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

2. Approves:

The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 28

March 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001.

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Item 4

Revision of Standing Orders 6.3 and 6.26 *(this item requires a 2/3 majority)*

NDM660 To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act and Standing Order 34:

(1) consider the report of the Business Committee laid in the Table Office on 3rd April 2001; and

(2) approve the following revisions of standing orders;

Standing Order 6.3

1. Insert new sub-paragraph (iii)

(iii) the Assembly Secretary with particular responsibility for business to answer questions related to his or her responsibilities other than for business for oral answer at least once, and for at least 5 minutes, every four weeks that the Assembly meets in plenary;

2. Renumber the remaining sub-paragraphs.

Standing Order 6.26

3. After "to any Assembly Secretary" delete "other than the Assembly Business Secretary"

4. After "any matters relating to" delete "their" and insert "his or her"

5. After "responsibilities" insert "(except that oral questions may be tabled to the Assembly Business Secretary only about matters relating to his or her responsibilities other than for business)."

Click [here](#) for the Business Committee Report

Item 5

Debate on Committees' Strategic Forward Work Programme

NDM661 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 Health & Social Services, Economic Development, Education & Lifelong Learning and Environment, Planning and Transport, which were emailed to Members on 10 May 2001.

Click [here](#) for the Health & Social Services Committee Report

Click [here](#) for the Economic Committee Report and [here](#) for the Forward Work Programme May 2001 - December 2002 (*the Forward Work programme cannot be placed on the Chamberweb*)

Click [here](#) for the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee Report and [here](#) for the Strategic and Detailed Forward Work Programme (*the Committee Report cannot be placed on the Chamberweb*)

Click [here](#) for the Environment, Planning & Transport Committee Report

Item 6

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

NDM659 The National Assembly expresses its profound concern at the effect of UK government monetary, fiscal and public expenditure policy on the economy and communities 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 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)+(3)+(4)

1. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It recognises that the tax burden for the UK has risen from 35.2% of GDP or £104 billion in 1996/97 to 38.2% of GDP or £156 billion in 2000/01. An increase of £1 billion a week, that has resulted in the UK becoming one of the highest tax economies in the developed world".

2. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It calls upon the Liberal Democrat – Labour Administration to condemn the:

- imposition of ‘stealth taxation’ which has reduced the competitiveness of our industries and impeded entrepreneurial development.
- level of tax on fuel, which penalises our rural communities and all those who rely upon their own transport.
- failure to fully commit towards Objective 1.
- inadequate funding given in response to flooding, foot and mouth, tourism and Corus.

3. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It calls upon the Liberal Democrat – Labour Administration to abandon all plans to introduce a Local Business Rate Tax".

4. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

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

"It acknowledges that the UK policy to fund initiatives, particularly in health and education, directly to hospitals and schools allows these service providers to more accurately forecast their income and to be able to plan more effectively".

Item 7

Short Debate:

NDM658 Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire); To be GM Free or Not

The session should conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 22nd May 2001

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly