Tuesday, 22nd May 2001

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Election of Dafydd Wigley to the Culture Committee

NDM661 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 57(8) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, elects Dafydd Wigley (Plaid Cymru) to its Committee on Culture in place of Gareth Jones (Plaid Cymru).

Item 2

Oral Questions to the First Minister

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Item 3

Statement on Asylum Seekers

Item 4

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

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Item 5

Debate on the Independent Appeal Mechanism for Farmers

NDM660 - To propose that the National Assembly

- 1. welcomes the intention to establish an Independent Appeals Mechanism for Farmers in Wales regarding decisions taken on payment of agriculture subsidies
- 2. calls on the Minister for Agriculture & Rural Affairs to ensure that the appeals mechanism is fully operational by 31 October 2001

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East) Peter Rogers (North Wales)

Adds a third paragraph

(3) calls on the Minister to conduct a review of the operational efficiency of his Department and Divisional Offices in processing applications, so as to reduce the number of potential cases

being referred to appeal.

Item 6

Debate on the Chief Inspector's Report on Training & Development (ESTYN Report) *NDM662* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Notes the 1999-2000 Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 14 May 2001 and recognises that the key issues are taken on board in Estyn's remit from the National Assembly for 2001-02 which was laid in Table Office 10 April 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:

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Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

In line 2, delete everything after 2001 and replace with:

'and notes the Estyn remit letter for 2001-02, laid in the Table Office on 10 April 2001.'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Evaluate the ways in which how weaknesses addressed in last year's Annual Report were addressed;

Present an action plan detailing how those main issues in the current Estyn report are to be addressed.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Ensure that the deficiencies in the provision of Welsh-medium education and training, as outlined in the report, are addressed.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Expresses concern at the poor progress made by pupils in Wales when they move from primary to secondary school, as mentioned in the report.

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Conduct an investigation into ways of reducing the administrative burden on schools during inspections.

No Electronic Copy is Available of The Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales 1999-2000 (LD276)

Click here for Estyn Remit: 2001-02 (LD727)

The session will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 24th May 2001

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly