

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Oral Questions to the First Minister

Click [here](#) for the questions

Item 2

Statement: Launch of the Coronary Heart Disease National Service Framework

Item 3

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

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

Item 4

Debate on the ICT Strategy

NDM716 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Adopts and actively promotes the Information Age Strategic Framework for Wales: "Cymru Arlein – Online for a Better Wales", which was placed on the Internet on 26th June 2001 and which can be located on the internet at <http://www.cymruarlein.wales.gov.uk/> ; and
2. Endorses the principle that Information and Communication Technology underpin the Assembly's cross-cutting themes (of creating sustainable development, tackling social disadvantage and ensuring equal opportunity for all) and that ICT be taken into earliest possible consideration when formulating all future Assembly policy.

"Cymru Arlein – Online for a Better Wales" will not be available on the Chamberweb

Click [here](#) for the summary document of Cymru Arlein

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)+(4)+(5)

(2)+(3)

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East);

At the end of point 2, add:

With particular regard to those members of the community of Wales who have difficulty in communicating because of the loss of their sight, their hearing or their speech.

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add new point at end of motion:

Recognises that broadband bandwidth is key to future economic prosperity and should be available through all the communities in Wales;

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add new point at end of motion:

Recognises that the production of opto-electronic equipment and telecommunication hardware are strong sectors of the Welsh Economy and recommends that the promotion of these sectors in the National Economic Development Strategy should be fully co-ordinated with the Framework for ICT.

Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add a new point to the end of the motion, that reads:

Commits the Liberal Democrat - Labour coalition administration to raising the number of households in Wales, who have access to the Internet, to the level of whole of the UK by the end of 2002.

Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add a new point to the end of the motion, that reads:

Acknowledges the need to work with the international community to combat the distribution of socially undesirable images and materials via the Internet.

Item 5

Debate on Future Business Support

A procedural motion will be proposed by the Minister for Assembly Business under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following No Named Day Motion which was tabled on the 28th June 2001.

NNDM717 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Notes the consultation that has been undertaken for the review of business support and development services in Wales.

2. Endorses the recommendations from the Cabinet (emailed to Members on 26 June 2001), in particular that the Welsh Development Agency should be given the lead role in full consultation with its partners for co-ordinating the provision of public sector funded advice and support services
3. Invites the Welsh Development Agency to put forward proposals to the Minister for Economic Development by mid-October on how it would fulfil this role
4. Asks the Economic Development Minister to report to the Economic Development Committee by the end of October on his response to the Committee's recommendations concerning the creation an Economic Policy Board and an Economic Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit
5. Asks the Economic Development Minister to report to the Economic Development Committee on progress in implementing the recommendations.

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(1)+(2)+(6)+(7)+(8)
(3)+(4)+(5)

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East);

At the beginning of Point 2 change the word "Endorses" to "Notes"

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add to the end of Point 2 "but calls on the Government of Wales to set up a date to review the responsibility for Wales Trade International and to follow the principle set out in the Review of Business Support (laid in the Table Office on 31 January 2001) which states that the WDA should be responsible for the delivery of business services and that the Assembly should withdraw from the direct delivery of business support."

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of Point 4:

...including a geographic structure for business support services which provides convenient access for customers on a regional basis within Wales.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of Point 5:

...and on the proposal for a Business Ombudsman.

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Notes the failure of the measures introduced by the Government of Wales to assist adequately those businesses that have been effected by Foot and Mouth.

Amendment 6 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add new point to the end of the motion

"Supports the recommendation that the Business Support Gateway be managed by the WDA, but calls for a re-branding to help regain business confidence."

Amendment 7 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add new point to the end of the motion

"Calls for the WDA to reassure private sector organisations that there will be transparency of decisions when there is a potential for conflicts of interest."

Amendment 8 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add new point to the end of the motion

"Calls on the WDA to use the private sector to deliver its business support initiatives wherever possible."

Click [here](#) for the report of the Economic Development Committee - This document will not be available on the Chamberweb

Click [here](#) for the Response to the Economic Development Committee's Report – Review of Business Support and Development Services

Click [here](#) for the Notes of Four Public Consultation meetings on the Review of Business Support and Development Services

Click [here](#) for the Summary of written consultation responses received from 8 Feb - 11 May 2001

The session will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 5th July 2001

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Clerk to the Assembly