

AGENDA

The Meeting will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Oral Questions to the First Minister

Click [here](#) for the questions

Item 2

Business Statement: The Business Minister

The Business Minister will make an oral statement in the Chamber

Item 3

Statement by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning: Establishment of a Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales

Item 4

This item is not subject to debate and will proceed to a vote immediately

Motion to approve under Standing Order 22.25:

NDM1446 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 11 March 2003, which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003; and
2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2003, and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 24 March 2003.

Click [here](#) for the draft order The Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003

Click [here](#) for the report of the Legislation Committee

Click [here](#) for the Memorandum of Corrections

Item 5

Motion to approve under Standing Order 23.10 & 24.2

NDM1447 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1) acting under Standing Order 23.10, in relation to Wales, excluding the catchment areas of the rivers Dee, Wye and Severn, approves; and

(2) acting under Standing Order 24.2, in relation to the catchment areas of the rivers Dee, Wye and Severn, agrees to the making, by the Secretary of State, of;

The Surface Waters (Fishlife) (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 a draft of which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 25 March 2003, together with an Explanatory Memorandum.

Click [here](#) for the Surface Waters (Fishlife) (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations 2003

Click [here](#) for the Explanatory Memorandum

Item 6

Motion to approve a temporary change to Standing Order 22 to cover the election period

NDM1448 - To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act and Standing Order 34:

1) considers the report of the Business Committee e-mailed to Members and laid in the Table Office on 25 March; and

2) approves the temporary revisions to Standing Orders set out in the Report of the Business Committee.

Click [here](#) for the report of the Business Committee

Item 7

Motion to approve an Order under Standing Order 22.27

NDM1449 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Preserved Counties (Amendment to Boundaries) (Wales) Order 2003, laid in the Table Office on 24 March 2003 and e mailed to Members on 25 March 2003.

NDM1450 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Approves that The Preserved Counties (Amendment to Boundaries) (Wales) Order 2003 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 24 March 2003 and e mailed to Members on 25 March 2003.

[To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i),

(ii) and (iii)].

Click [here](#) for The Preserved Counties (Amendment to Boundaries) (Wales) Order 2003

Item 8

Motion to approve an Order under Standing Order 24

NDM1451 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Acting under Standing Order 24 agrees that the Secretary of State makes The Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 25 March 2003.

The applicability of the Order in Wales is subject to the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.

Click [here](#) for The Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003

Item 9

Motion to approve under Standing Order 27

The National Assistance (Deferred Payments) Directions 2003

- No motion tabled

Item 10

Motion to approve the Code of Guidance on allocations and homelessness for Local Authorities under Standing Order 27.2 (iii)

NDM1453 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of the Code of Guidance for Local Authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness, which was laid in Table Office on 24 March 2003.

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 following amendments for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges its failure to engage with independent Housing providers in planning to solve the problem of homelessness.

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges its failure to recognise the continued decrease in Local Authority housing stock, and therefore increases bureaucratic procedures within our councils.

NDM1454 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 27.2 (iii) approves the Code of Guidance for Local Authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness, which was laid in Table Office on 24 March 2003.

Click [here](#) for the Code of Guidance for Local Authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness - ***Please note this document contains 241 pages*** - Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb.

Item 11

Debate on National Homelessness Strategy

NDM1455 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Resolves to adopt the national strategy to tackle homelessness in Wales, which was e-mailed to Members on 25 March 2003.

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 following amendments for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(3)+(4)+(5)

(2)

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete "Resolves to adopt" and replace with "Acknowledges".

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion:

' and instructs the Minister to ensure that the strategy is fully implemented by all parties involved in its delivery.'

Amendment 3 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that it fails to describe or implement adequate proposals to tackle homelessness in rural areas.

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that whilst the strategy refers to targets outlined in "Better Wales" and "Better Homes for the People of Wales", it fails to acknowledge that those targets that will impact on homelessness will not be achieved.

Amendment 5 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that whilst the strategy refers to the increasing incidents of evictions in recent years, it fails to direct policies to combat anti-social behaviour and enhance the local environment to allow Local Authorities to become more efficient in administrating their housing stock.

Click [here](#) for the national strategy to tackle homelessness in Wales

Click [here](#) for the Action Plan

Item 12

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Presiding Officer has agreed to allow the Business Minister to propose a motion without notice under Standing Order 34.5 to bring forward the following debate on Sustainable Development:

NDM1445: To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the report on progress in sustainable development in 2002-03 presented by the Minister for Environment, which was e-mailed to Members on 19 March 2003, acknowledges the good progress made over the past year, and calls upon the Minister to publish a final report during April 2003 based upon this document.

Click [here](#) for the document

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 following amendments for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(3)

(4)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central) - *Not Selected*

Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after '19 March 2003' and replace with;

Regrets the failure of the Government to;

a) produce the final report in time for debate by the Assembly and;

b) to meet its own deadlines identified in the Action Plan.

Amendment 4. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete 'acknowledges the good progress made over the past year,'

Item 13

Debate on the Culture Committee's report on Participation in Sport

NDM1456 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Culture Committee's Report entitled, "Policy Review of Participation in Sport and Physical Exercise ", laid in Table Office on 25 March 2003. The Report is also available on the Committee's Intranet site at http://assembly/committees/Culture/Reports/REPORT%20-%20for%20plenary_e.rtf. - Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb.

The meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 2nd April 2003

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