

AGENDA

The meeting will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

First Minister's Question Time

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Item 2

Urgent Question

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr); Will the Minister for Health and Social Services make a statement on the latest report regarding Blaenau Gwent Social Services Department

Item 3

Business Statement

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

Item 4

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

Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (*previously Standing Order 22.25*)

NDM1931 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

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

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, on 30 March 2004 on the draft Order The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004 and

b) Approves The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with:

i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 24 March 2004;

ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 24 March 2004; and

iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 30 March 2004

Click [here](#) for The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004

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

Click [here](#) for the Regulatory Appraisal

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

Item 5

Motion to delegate the functions of the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004 to the First Minister

NDM1933 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all the functions of the National Assembly contained in The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004 to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in this motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

This delegation will be made in the knowledge that those functions will, as appropriate, be further delegated to the appropriate Assembly Minister and to staff.

The Medicines for Human Use Clinical Trials Regulations 2004 can be located on the Internet using the attached hyperlink: <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/news/2004/ctregsdraft.pdf> - *Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb.*

Item 6

Debate on EC 3rd Cohesion Report

NDM1932 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the European Commission's Third Report on Economic and Social Cohesion published on 18 February 2004;
2. Recognises the Report as an important milestone in the development of the European Union's 2007-2013 programme for economic and social cohesion; and
3. Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government will continue to seek to maximise the resources available for and benefits of regional development in 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 following amendments for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)+(4)+(5)

(3)+(6)+(7)+(8)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 delete ' Welcomes' and replace with 'Endorses'.

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

'Notes that the interests of West Wales and the Valleys are best served by the fact that the EU Structural Fund Programme operates on a seven year guarantee of funding.'

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete point (3) and insert in its place:

'Is concerned that UK government proposals to limit the size of EU structural budgets will result in Wales losing hundreds of millions of pounds over the period 2007-2013.'

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at the end of point 3:

' and calls on the Labour Assembly Government to support proposals contained in the Report since it offers the best deal for Wales.'

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

'Notes that the UK Government's position on the future of Structural Funds is detrimental to the interests of Wales.'

Amendment 6 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Calls on the Labour Assembly Government to press the UK government to ensure that it does not pursue EU contribution cuts that will be detrimental to Wales.'

Amendment 7 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Believes that the widening of the economic and wealth divide over the last quarter century between the nations and regions of the UK underlines the regional economic development record of successive UK governments and is concerned that proposals by the present UK government to withdraw from European structural programmes would further widen the divide across the UK.'

Amendment 8 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Believes that successful projects to strengthen Wales' economic development require long term secure funding and notes that financial guarantees from the European Union have a longer lifespan and are more secure than those from UK governments.'

The hyper-link below will take you to the EC Third Report on Economic and Social Cohesion: http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/reports/cohesion3/cohesion3_en.htm - Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb.

Item 7 Plaid Cymru Party debate

NDM1934 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the difficulty faced by local government in implementing any new Assembly initiatives when they are not fully funded.

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

- (1)**
- (2)**
- (3)**

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after 'the National Assembly for Wales' and replace with:

Instructs the Government to ensure that new Assembly initiatives and responsibilities are fully funded before passing them on to local government.

Amendment 2- Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

Delete all after 'the National Assembly for Wales' and replace with:

Welcomes the agreement made between the Welsh Assembly Government and the Welsh Local Government Association, signed on 10 December 2003, which recognises that future new initiatives and new responsibilities must be fully funded before they are passed on to local government, and that this will take full effect in the 2004 budget planning round.

A copy of the agreement signed on 10 December 2003 was e-mailed to Assembly Members on 22 April 2004.

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the introduction of a Local Income tax in place of the Council Tax will allow the re-balancing of funding between central and local government and allow local government to take genuinely local decisions on behalf of local people.

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 28th April 2004

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly