

Wednesday, 6th October 2004

AGENDA

The meeting will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health & Social Services

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Item 2

Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language & Sport

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Item 3

Questions to the House Committee

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Item 4

Debate on the Richard Commission

NDM2113 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Having considered the Report of the Richard Commission, calls on the First Minister to urge the Secretary of State for Wales to bring forward proposals to amend the Government of Wales Act for the following purposes:

- a) to effect a formal separation between the executive and legislative branches of the Assembly;
- b) to reform existing electoral arrangements in order to eliminate anomalies;
- c) to enhance the legislative powers of the Assembly.

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)+(5)

(2)+(7)+(8)+(9)

(3)+(4)+(6)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after Wales and replace with

'Instructs the First Minister to call on the Secretary of State for Wales to bring forward proposals to replace the Government of Wales Act with another Act which will implement all the recommendations of the Richard Commission within the timescale set out in the Commission's report.'

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete all after 'To propose that the National Assembly for Wales' and insert:

'Endorses the recommendations of the Richard Commission and calls on the UK government to implement them as soon as possible.'

Amendment 3 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete point (b)

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete point (c)

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion

'Believes that when a referendum is held on the implementation of the Richard Commission recommendations, such a referendum should be arranged by the Assembly using the provisions of s.36 of the Government of Wales Act 1998.'

Amendment 6 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add a new point at the end of the motion:

'Accepts the need to gain the consent of the people of Wales through a referendum, through the Government of Wales Act or by the UK Government, if a major change to the constitutional settlement is proposed.'

Amendment 7 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Believes that the National Assembly will meet the aspirations of the people of Wales when there is clarity on powers and responsibilities. Notes that implementation of the recommendations of the Richard Commission would achieve that objective. Believes that the half-way house proposed by the First Minister would leave the Assembly's powers and responsibilities unclear and subject to further change.'

Amendment 8 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Notes that implementation of the Richard Commission recommendations would allow the Assembly to extend the remit of the Children's Commissioner for Wales to all Welsh matters.'

Amendment 9 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Notes that implementation of the Richard Commission recommendations would allow the Assembly to ban smoking in public places.'

Copies of the Report of the Richard Commission and the Government of Wales Act 1998 can be accessed via the hyperlinks below:

<http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980038.htm> - *Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb*

<http://www.richardcommission.gov.uk/content/finalreport/report-e.pdf> - *Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb*

Item 5

Short Debate - NDM2112 Dai Lloyd (South Wales West); Paediatric Neurosurgery in Swansea

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly