

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (177)
Tuesday, 17th January 2006**

AGENDA

The meeting will commence at 2.00pm

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Item 1 - Motion(s) to elect members to Standing Committees

NDM2758 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 8.4 and 16.2 elects Glyn Davies (Conservative) to its Committee on Standards of Conduct in place of Brynle Williams (Conservative).

NDM2759 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 8.4 and 11.1 elects David Melding (Conservative) and Brynle Williams (Conservative) to its Legislation Committee in place of Glyn Davies (Conservative) and Laura Anne Jones (Conservative) and elects David Melding to chair the committee.

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Item 2 - Questions to the First Minister

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Item 3 - Business Statement

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Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate votes

Item 5 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (No.1) for the financial year 2006-07.

NDM2760 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No.1) for the financial year 2006-07, laid in Table Office on 14 December 2005.

Supporting Documents

[The Local Government Finance Report \(No.1\) for the financial year 2006-07](#)

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Item 6 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2004-05 Amending Report.

NDM2761 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2004-05 Amending Report, laid in the Table Office on 14 December.

Supporting Documents

[The Local Government Finance Report \(Wales\) \(Councils\) 2004-05 Amending Report](#)

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Item 7 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2005-06 Amending Report.

NDM2762 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2005-06 Amending Report, laid in the Table Office on 14 December.

Supporting Documents

[The Local Government Finance Report \(Wales\) \(Councils\) 2005-06 Amending Report](#)

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Item 8 - Debate on the Government of Wales Bill

NDM2763 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the publication of the Government of Wales Bill, which has received its second reading in the House of Commons.

The Government of Wales Bill may be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmbills/100/06100.i-v.html>

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, 7, 8 & 9)

(2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

(10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15)

Amendment 1. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Insert at end of motion:

"and deplores the proposed changes to the method of election to the National Assembly, whereby candidates will be excluded from contesting a constituency election if they appear on a regional list".

Amendment 2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that Wales should have a full legislative Parliament as proposed by the Richard Commission by 2011.

Amendment 3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion

Believes that a referendum on gaining full legislative powers should be triggered only by a simple majority vote in the Assembly.

Amendment 4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the composition of committees should be a matter for the Assembly's standing orders rather than being laid down in statute.

Amendment 5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern that the proposed ban on dual candidacy is politically motivated and operates outside international democratic norms, and supports the view of the Electoral Commission that the case for change has not been made.

Amendment 6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the system of election to the National Assembly should be a single transferable vote, and believes that the current requirement for Assembly constituencies to be coterminous with Parliamentary constituencies should be removed.

Amendment 7. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the extensive criticism (including that of the independent Electoral Commission) which has been made regarding the proposals to alter the method of election to the National Assembly, whereby candidates will be excluded from contesting a constituency election if they appear on a regional list.

Amendment 8. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Order in Council procedure will in practice amount to a primary legislative mechanism and that such an extension of the National Assembly's powers requires approval in a referendum.

Amendment 9. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

Opposes the introduction of the d'Hondt system of election to subject committees as proposed in the Bill and believes that the current system of reflecting party balance in the Assembly in electing Committee members should be retained.

Amendment 10. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Bill should have put in place measures to ensure the implementation of the Richard Commission Recommendations by 2011.

Amendment 11. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the view of the Electoral Commission that the ban on dual candidacy will not improve confidence in the electoral system in Wales.

Amendment 12. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Bill lays out a detailed system for the distribution of committee places and believes that this should be for Standing Orders to determine.

Amendment 13. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Secretary of State should only have the right to refuse to lay before Parliament an Order in Council from the Assembly in exceptional circumstances.

Amendment 14. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that in principle the range of powers contained in each Order in Council should be as wide as possible to enable the Assembly to develop imaginative and flexible policies, and calls on the Secretary of State to put clearly on record his attitude towards the breadth of powers in Assembly Orders in Council.

Amendment 15. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Assembly should be elected by the Single Transferable Vote system which would improve choice for electors.

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It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on

Wednesday, 18th January 2006

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