

Draft Business Statement

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- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside: The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) (Wales) Regulations 2006 made under Standing Order 24.27 (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (20 mins)**

These Regulations relate to the National Assembly for Wales' powers to introduce provisions requiring relevant authorities in Wales (i.e. a county or county borough council) to incorporate into their standing orders certain provisions in relation to their staff, meetings and proceedings. These would include provisions that provide a measure of protection from dismissal for Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers, currently only available to Heads of Paid Service. Following the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000, the role of Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers was enhanced to include a duty to provide advice on whether particular decisions taken were contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget. Giving these officers the same protection as currently enjoyed by the Heads of Paid Service would protect them from any attempts at dismissal that were politically motivated, owing to challenging the Council's decisions.

- **Motion to approve The Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 section 3 (20 mins)**

The intended effect of these Regulations is to transpose Directive 2003/35/EC, the

Public Participation Directive, into the action programmes in relation to nitrate vulnerable zones.

- **Motion to approve The Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 section 3 (20 mins)**

These joint Regulations will amend the Plant Protection Products Regulations 2005 (as amended), which implement in England and Wales Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 23 (5 mins)**
- **Plaid Cymru nominated debate – postponed from 2 May 2006 (45 mins)**

Wednesday 10 May 2006

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside (30 mins)**

- **Procedural motion to extend the duration of the Railway Infrastructure Committee (1 min)**

- **Motion to approve The Animal By-Products (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, revoke and re-make the Animal By-Products Regulations 2003, which made provision in Wales for the administration and enforcement of Regulation (EC) No. 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, (OJ No. L273).

- **Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (20 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Education (Parenting Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations prescribe additional conditions (additional to those in section 20 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003) to be met before a local

education authority (LEA) may apply to a magistrates' court for a Parenting Order, under section 20 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. These Regulations apply to pupils excluded from schools in Wales. They provide an extra means by which LEAs can work with parents to improve pupils' behaviour. They set out:

- that a pupil must have been excluded either for a fixed term on more than one occasion within a twelve month period or permanently;
- that an application must be made within 6 months of the last occasion on which the pupil was excluded; and
- that the costs associated with the requirements of a parenting order shall be borne by the LEA.
- Motion to approve The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No5) (Wales) Order 2006

- **The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No. 5) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order brings into force in Wales on 5 May 2006 sections 19 to 22 and 24 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 relating to Parenting Contracts and Parenting Orders for the parents of school pupils. The sections brought into force are as follows:

- Section 19 provides for school governing bodies and local education authorities (LEAs) to enter into parenting contracts with a parent of a child who has been temporarily or permanently excluded or whose attendance is poor;
- Section 20 provides for the circumstances in which a LEA may apply to a magistrates court for a parenting order, the circumstances in which the court may make an order and the content and effect of an order;
- Section 21 requires magistrates' courts to consider, when determining whether to issue a Parenting Order, the family circumstances of pupils aged under 16 and the likely effect of the order on those circumstances. The courts must also consider the extent of the parent's willingness to enter into or comply with any Parenting Contract.
- Section 22 provides for a right of appeal against the making of a

parenting order to the Crown Court; and

- Section 24 is an interpretation provision clarifying definition of terms.

- **Motion to approve The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order brings into force certain provisions of Part II of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on 3 May 2006 in relation to Wales. It also gives effect to transitional arrangements in respect of the procedures to be adopted in the processing of relevant orders (defined in the 2000 Act) made or applied for before the commencement of section 47 of the 2000 Act. The Order also effects certain consequential and related amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Highways Act 1980 and other primary legislation.

- **Debate on Local Museums, Archives and Libraries in community life (60 mins)**

- **Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate votes (45 mins)**

- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee**
- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 4**
- **Motion to revise the Code of Conduct for Assembly Members**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 16 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**

- **Business Statement (10 mins)**

- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**

- **Ø The Plant Health (*Phytophthora ramorum*) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order implements Commission Decision 2002/757/EC (as amended by 2004/426/EC), which establishes emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* (a fungus-like plant pathogen, which can cause damage to trees and plants), within the Community insofar as it relates to material susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum*. It also implements Commission Decision 2004/278/EC, which introduces plant passport rules for plant material in trade between the European Community and Switzerland.

Emergency measures were required following the widespread outbreak of *Phytophthora ramorum* in the USA, and the subsequent outbreaks in Germany and the Netherlands in the mid 1990's. Although the pathogen has been found to be most damaging in the USA it has spread within Europe to Belgium, Finland, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and the UK.

- **Motion to approve The Fish Labelling (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2006 (20 mins)**

These Regulations update the existing national list of commercial designations for fish species (i.e. the designated common names such as 'cod', 'salmon', etc.) by replacing the Schedule to the Fish Labelling (Wales) Regulations 2003. The new Schedule includes a number of additions of new fish species to allow for newly commercialised species in the marketplace and makes some changes to existing designations in light of new scientific information. These Regulations also clarify that commercial designations in the English language accepted in other EU Member States are considered to be names prescribed by law

- **Motion to approve The Education Act 2005 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2006 (20 mins)**

The purpose of this Order is to commence the provisions of Chapters 3 to 5 of Part 1; Chapters 6 and 7 of Part 1 not already in force; sections 71, 105, 106, 115, 116, 117 (in respect of paragraphs 1, 6 and 15 of Schedule 18), 118, 123 (in respect of Schedule 19), Schedule 2, Schedule 3 Schedule 4, Schedule 5, Schedule 6, Schedule 8, Schedule 18 (Part 4) Schedule 19 (Part 1, the repeals in the Children Act 1989, the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 and the Learning and Skills Act 2000) of the Education Act 2005.

The Order brings into force a number of provisions relating to school inspectors and school inspections in Wales including: the procedure for inspections, schools causing concern, inspection of local education authorities, child minding and daycare, independent schools and Careers Wales; statutory proposals relating to maintained special schools; provision and funding of higher education in maintained schools; admission arrangements to make special provision for looked after children; and attendance at alternative educational provision.

- **Motion to approve The Education (National Curriculum for Wales (Disapplication of Science at Key Stage 4) Regulations 2006 (20 mins)**

These Regulations disapply the requirements of the Programmes of Study for science at Key Stage 4 (pupils broadly aged 14-16 years) between September 2006 and August 2008 for pupils that are taught a course leading to an approved science qualification.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (20 mins)**
- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

Wednesday 17 May 2006

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health and Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to the House Committee (5 mins)**
- **Motion to approve an in year MEG to MEG transfer(15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Manufacturing Industry (60 mins)**
- **Debate on ESTYN – the Report of Her Majesty`s Chief Inspector of Schools (60 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 23 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations (20 mins)**

These Regulations amend the NHS (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988 to increase the capital limit amounts used as the basis for calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under those Regulations.
- **Motion to approve The Cattle Compensation (Wales) Order 2006 (20 mins)**

This Order revokes and replaces the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis (England and Wales) Compensation Order 1978 and the Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (Compensation) Order 1980. It also introduces a rationalised compensation system for cattle slaughtered for the following diseases: Bovine TB, Brucellosis (disease caused by infection with the bacterium *Brucella abortus*, which can cause a disease in humans called ‘undulant fever’) and Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (a transmissible disease caused by the bovine leucovirus, it can be transmitted from both mother to calf and cow to cow causing leukaemia and multiple tumours). (Separate legislation has been proposed to introduce the new system in respect of BSE, which is due to come into force on 14 June 2006). Under this system, compensation will be determined using table valuations, based on average market price for pre-determined cattle categories. There is also a provision for individual valuations to be used, at the discretion of the National Assembly for Wales, should supporting sales data be inadequate or unavailable for a particular category in any particular month or months.
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee`s Part 2 Policy Review of Special Educational Needs (60 mins)**

Wednesday 24 May 2006

- **Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (30 mins)**

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Transport (Wales) Act 2006 to the First Minister (15 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Transport (Wales) Act 2006 (Commencement) Order 2006 (20 mins)**

This Order will commence the provisions of the Transport (Wales) Act 2006. The Act imposes a general transport duty on the National Assembly for Wales and requires it to prepare and publish a Wales Transport Strategy. It also modifies the local transport planning system and enables the Assembly to direct local authorities in relation to the discharge of their transport functions and to establish by Order, if necessary, one or more Joint Transport Authorities. Specific powers are conferred on the Assembly to give financial assistance in respect of air transport and to secure the provision of public passenger transport services. Finally, the Act empowers the Assembly to establish a Public Transport Users' Committee for Wales.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (40 mins)**

- **Debate on the Assembly's arrangements for co-operation with business under Standing Order 6.6 (60 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**