

Draft Business Statement for the next 3 weeks and the Deputy Presiding Officer's Determinations for Tuesday 11 July 2006

Determinations

Following the meeting of the Business Committee held on 11 July the Deputy Presiding Officer determined, in accordance with Standing Order 24.6 that the following item of legislation need not be referred to a subject committee for extended consideration:

- The Horses (Zootechnical Standards)(Wales) Regulations 2006

Draft Business Statement for:

Summer Recess 17 July – 15 September 2006

Tuesday 19 September & Wednesday 20 September 2006

Tuesday 26 September & Wednesday 27 September 2006

Tuesday 3 October & Wednesday 4 October 2006

Tuesday 19 September 2006

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement (10 mins)

Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate votes (30 mins)

- Motion to approve The Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Scheme 2006 under Standing Order 29.3(iii)

This Scheme aims to provide guaranteed financial support for eligible students in further education.

The Assembly Learning Grant (FE) Scheme:

- i. stipulates the conditions of use required to enable the Student Loans Company (SLC) to administer the Further Education

Assembly Learning Grant allocated by the Welsh Assembly Government;

- ii. sets out the criteria, which must be applied in assessing the eligibility of students in further education to receive an ALG and the varying levels of grant that can be awarded; and
- iii. sets out the methodology for calculating the payments, which apply under the ALG Scheme for the academic year 2006/07, including the levels of assessable income that must be used when carrying out any calculation.

- **Motion to approve The Assembly Learning Grant (Higher Education) Scheme 2006 under Standing Order 29.3(iii)**

This Scheme aims to provide guaranteed financial support for eligible students in higher education who are currently in receipt of an award under the existing Assembly Learning Grant Scheme.

This Scheme:

- stipulates the conditions of use by Local Authorities (LAs) of the Higher Education Assembly Learning Grant and its administration;
- sets out the criteria, which Local Authorities apply when assessing the eligibility of students in higher education to receive ALG and the varying levels of grant that can be awarded; and
- sets out the methodology for calculating the levels of awards to eligible students, including how assessable income is determined.

- **Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme 2006 under Standing Order 29.3(iii)**

This Scheme sets out arrangements for eligible young people to receive financial assistance to help them continue in education after compulsory school leaving age. Specifically it:

- stipulates the functions that the Student Loans Company will fulfil in its role as Scheme Provider and those functions to be undertaken by schools and colleges;
- sets out the criteria by which a young person's eligibility and entitlement to Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will be assessed and the structure and levels of payments; and
- outlines the contractual nature of the allowance both in respect of attendance and learning goals.

- **Motion to approve The Teacher Training Incentive Scheme under Standing Order 29.3(iii) (15 mins)**
This proposed Scheme makes provision for the National Assembly for Wales to pay grants by way of incentives for eligible persons to undergo a postgraduate initial teacher training course and by way of incentives for eligible persons to take up particular teaching posts for given minimum periods of time.
- **Motion(s) to approve change(s) to Standing Orders**
- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee's Science Policy Review (60 mins)**

Wednesday 20 September 2006

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health & Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language & Sport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to House Committee (5 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under The Transfer of Functions Order 2006 to the First Minister (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Welsh Assembly Government's Forward Programme (60 mins)**
- **Debate of the Annual Report of the Audit Committee (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 26 September 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Horses (Zootechnical Standards) (Wales) Regulations 2006**
The intended effect of these Regulations is to implement Commission Decision 96/78/EEC, which lays down the criteria for the entry of animals into equine studbooks (breed society listings of equines and their pedigrees). It applies to those societies who have been recognised as

operating an equine studbook under the EU Zootechnical legislation. The objective of such recognition is to enhance the trade in pedigree animals. It does this by harmonising equine studbooks so that animals can be registered in the appropriate studbook when exported to another Member State. These Regulations revoke and replace The Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations 1992.

- **Motion to approve Directions to NHS Trusts and Powys Local Health Board 2006**

These Directions ensure that the public point of view is represented by a public champion on cleaning, hygiene and control of infection issues at the highest possible level in each NHS Trust and Powys Local Health Board (LHB). Each Trust will nominate an existing Non-Executive Director (NED) and Powys LHB an Associate Non Officer Member to fulfil this function. They will be required to act as an advocate to ensure that Community Health Councils and patients obtain information on issues relating to cleaning, hygiene and infection management.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30 mins)**
- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on Sport (60 mins)**

Wednesday 27 September 2006

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

- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education ,Lifelong Learning and Skills (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Voluntary Sector (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Heads of the Valleys Strategy (60 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 3 October 2006

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

- **Business Statement (10 mins)**

- **45 minutes reserved for subordinate legislation**

- **Welsh Liberal Democrat Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on road safety (60 mins)**

Wednesday 4 October 2006

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation & Networks (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, y Trefnydd, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Lisa Francis Standing Order 31 proposal (60 mins)**
To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 31.2, supports in principle legislation to:

Amend Article 10(2) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, to:

(a) extend the definition of a Playing Field to include any land in the open air which is used for the purposes of physical education or recreation; and

(b) revise the definition of a Playing Pitch to remove the minimum size requirement in relation to a delineated area.
- **Short debate (30 mins)**