

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

Determinations

Following the meeting of the Business Committee held on 3 October September the Deputy Presiding Officer determined, in accordance with Standing Order 24.6 that the following items of legislation need not be referred to a subject committee for extended consideration:

The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Cross Compliance) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

The Traffic Management Act 2004 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2006

The Supply of Student Support Information to Governing Bodies (Wales) Regulations 2006

The Street Works (Reinstatement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2006

The Food (Emergency Control) (Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2006

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006

Draft Business Statement

Tuesday 10 October & Wednesday 11 October 2006

Tuesday 17 October & Wednesday 18 October 2006

Tuesday 24 October & Wednesday 25 October 2006

Tuesday 10 October 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks: The Welsh**

Assembly Government`s response to the Report of the Rail Infrastructure Committee (30 mins)

- **Motion to approve The Paying Agency (National Assembly for Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The Paying Agency (National Assembly for Wales) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2223) gives the National Assembly for Wales the power to act as a Paying Agency in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). These Regulations make a technical amendment to the 1999 Regulations, updating references within it to new European Regulations governing the CAP. The amendments are necessary to ensure that the 1999 Regulations are fully up to date, thereby avoiding any risk of legal challenge to the Assembly in the exercise of its functions as a Paying Agency from 16 October 2006.

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Commissioner for Older People Act to the First Minister (15 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 (Commencement) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order will commence provisions 1 to 22 of the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006. The Act establishes and makes provision about the Office of the Commissioner for Older People in Wales and provides for a Commissioner who will help ensure that the interests of older people in Wales are safeguarded and promoted. The Act provides the Commissioner with specific powers to review the discharge of functions of public bodies in Wales and to review the advocacy, complaints and whistle-blowing arrangements made in connection with the provision of services by listed bodies and regulated service providers in Wales.

The Act confers powers on the National Assembly for Wales to make Regulations that give the Commissioner power to examine the cases of particular older people in Wales, and the power to give assistance, including financial assistance, to an older person in making a complaint or representation to, or about, certain bodies in Wales. The Act also confers powers on the Assembly to make Regulations setting out the arrangements for the appointment of the Commissioner, the term of office of the Commissioner and the reports of the Commissioner to the Assembly. The Act also enables the Assembly to direct the Commissioner as to the exercise of his supplementary powers and, with the consent of the Treasury, issue Directions as to the preparation of the Commissioner's yearly accounts.

- **Motion to approve The Closures Guidance (Railway Services in England and Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 26 (15 mins)**

This Order will bring into force closures guidance published jointly by the Secretary of State for Transport and the National Assembly for Wales in fulfilment of their duties under section 42(3) of the Railways Act 2005. The closures guidance sets out the criteria against which proposals to discontinue passenger railway services, networks or facilities will be considered. A single set of closures guidance has been agreed for all proposed closures.

- **Debate on the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee's Report on the Marine Bill (60 mins)**

- **Motion to approve the Budget for the Assembly Parliamentary Service (15 mins)**

Wednesday 11 October 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)**

- **Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport : The Welsh Assembly Government`s response to the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee`s Report on Newspapers/Trinity Mirror (30 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) Order 2006 under Standing Order 26 (15 mins)**

This Order places a number of duties on specified public authorities. The duties are to produce a Gender Equality Scheme and to take various actions in relation to such a Scheme.

- **Debate on the Environment ,Planning & Countryside Committee`s Report on the Planning Aspects of Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus (60 mins)**

- **Short Debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 17 October 2006

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

- **Business Statement (10 mins)**

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

Ø The Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006

The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000, (the 2000 Regulations) implement an integrated environmental approach to the regulation on industrial activity. These proposed amending Regulations are intended to update the regime and make technical changes to ensure that regulators and operators have clarity of purpose in their environmental protection duties.

These Regulations propose four amendments:

- implementation of Petrol Vapour Recovery Stage II Controls (known as PVR II);
- an increase to the penalties for offences committed under the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000, in line with those in section 105 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (CNEA);

- to provide that, where a coin-operated dry cleaning machine is to cease operation in October 2007 because it is not possible to comply with the Solvent Emissions Directive, an application for a Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) permit is not required in the interim; and

- minor technical amendment to Regulations concerning the burning of landfill gas containing halogens.

Ø The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2006

This Order replaces The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004, to enable the Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales) to function at its fullest in determining applications to succeed to tenancy. The Order prescribes units of production (the average value of each farming unit, such as an ewe or each hectare of barley) for the assessment of the productive capacity of agricultural land situated in Wales and sets out the amount, which is to be regarded as the net annual income from each such unit for the years 12 September 2004 to 11 September 2005 and 12 September 2005 to 11 September 2006 inclusive within separate schedules within the Order.

Ø The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional Provisions and Savings) (Wales) Order 2006

This Commencement Order will bring into force provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 relating to relating to a range of measures in respect of (amongst other things) abandoned vehicles, litter, graffiti and statutory nuisances.

- Motion to approve The Youth and Community Work Education and Training (Inspection) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)

These Regulations extend the remit of the Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales to include all youth and community work training, which is provided by an institution within the higher education sector in Wales. These Regulations would ensure that all youth and community work training is liable to inspection. The Youth Service in Wales is one of the key partners in the delivery of Youth Support Services for young people aged 11 – 25 in Wales. The Regulations will ensure that the training of key staff within the Youth Service is externally assessed.

- **Motion to approve The Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The purpose of these Regulations is to introduce revisions to the Housing Renewal Grants Regulations 1996. In line with regular changes there is a need for the Assembly to amend the Regulations covering the test of resources for disabled facilities grants (DFG) to take account of the uprating of allowances and premiums and any relevant changes to the Housing Benefit Regulations during the year. These Regulations will specify allowances and premiums used in the test of resources for disabled facilities grants. The Regulations are also required to reflect the introduction of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

- **Motion to approve The Housing Renewal Grants (Prescribed Form and Particulars) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations introduce annual revisions to the Housing Renewal Grants Regulations 1996. In line with annual changes, there is a need for the Assembly to amend the Regulations covering the test of resources for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) to take account of the uprating of allowances and premiums and any relevant changes to the Housing Benefit Regulations during the year. These Regulations will introduce a revised prescribed form to be used in the test of resources for Disabled Facilities Grants, which will also be amended to reflect the introduction of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

- **Motion to approve The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 1988 to take account of changes to the provision of financial support to students. They provide that the maintenance grants (which form part of the Assembly Learning Grant) in excess of £1,200 and the equivalent maintenance grants in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, to the extent that they are in excess of specified figures, are disregarded when calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under the 1988 Regulations. In addition any grant income is treated as covering 52 weeks rather than the period of study.

- **Welsh Liberal Democrat Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

- **Debate on Safeguarding Vulnerable Children (60 mins)**

- **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)**

Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (15 mins)

- **Motion to approve The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order implements Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2244/2003 laying down detailed provisions regarding satellite-based Vessel Monitoring Systems. It will aid the enforcement of measures supporting the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources by extending the existing provisions relating to the satellite monitoring of fishing vessels to smaller vessels, additionally requiring the provision of course and speed in each report and increasing the security and integrity of data capture and transmission.

This Order will also revoke The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Wales) Order 2000 and The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Wales) Order 2000 Amendment Regulations 2002.

- **Motion to approve The Fishing Boats (Satellite-Tracking Devices) (Wales) Scheme 2006 under Standing Order 25.2**

This Scheme provides for the payment of grants to all Welsh registered over fifteen metre vessels, which have had government approved satellite-tracking devices installed on board in Wales.

- Motion to approve The Feeding Stuffs (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)

These Regulations transpose Directive 2002/2/EC of the European Parliament and Council of 28 January 2003 amending Council Directive 79/373/EEC on the circulation of compound feeding stuffs and repealing Commission Directive 91/357/EEC. They will re-introduce, in Wales, an EC measure, which requires compound animal feeding stuffs to be labelled with a list of ingredients in descending order by their percentage weight of inclusion, within a tolerance of +/- 15% for each declaration. The Council Directive containing the measure, 2002/2/EC, had originally been brought forward by the Commission as one of a number of pieces of legislation, which was claimed would improve feed safety.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Designed to Deliver (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 24 October 2006

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

- **Business Statement (10 mins)**

- **Statement by the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks : Response of the Welsh Assembly Government to the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee`s Report : Review of Science Policy (30 mins)**

- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
 - Ø **The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Cross Compliance) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

 - Ø **The Supply of Student Support Information to Governing Bodies (Wales) Regulations 2006**

 - Ø **The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2006**

 - Ø **The Food (Emergency Control) (Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (15 mins)**

- **Debate on the draft Budget (120 mins)**

Wednesday 25 October 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)**

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Traffic Management Act 2004 to the First Minister (15 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Traffic Management Act 2004 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (60 mins)**

- **Debate on the Annual Report of the House Committee (30 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**