

**Draft Business Statement for the next 3 weeks and the Deputy Presiding Officer's  
Determinations for Tuesday 5 December 2006**

**Determinations**

Following the meeting of the Business Committee held on 5 December 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 National Health Service (Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Independent Nurse Prescribers, Supplementary Prescribers, Nurse Independent Prescribers and Pharmacist Independent Prescribers) (Wales) Regulations 2007
  
- The Seed (Wales) (Amendments for Tests and Trials etc.) Regulations 2007

## Draft Business Statement

**Tuesday 12 December & Wednesday 13 December 2006**

*Recess 18 December 2006 – 12 January 2007*

**Tuesday 16 January & Wednesday 17 January 2007**

**Tuesday 23 January & Wednesday 24 January 2007**

### Tuesday 12 December 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the First Minister: Convergence Programme (30 mins)**

*Proposal to debate the following 4 items together but with separate votes (30 mins)*

- **Motion to approve The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations are required to implement the Small Business Rates Relief Scheme. Under Part II of Schedule 8 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 billing authorities are required to pay amounts (called non-domestic rating contributions) to the National Assembly for Wales. The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) Regulations 1992 contain rules for the calculation of those contributions for Welsh billing authorities.

These Regulations amend the 1992 Regulations by changing the wording of paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 (Rules for the Calculation of Non-Domestic Rating Contributions) such that the 90% deduction referred to in that paragraph only relates to discretionary rate relief granted by billing authorities in respect of hereditaments to which section 47(2)(b), (ba) or (c) apply. Consequently there will be no deduction in respect of discretionary rate relief granted by the billing authority to ratepayers who occupy hereditaments to which section 43(4B) of the 1988 Act applies (hereditaments, which receive mandatory small business rate relief). A hereditament is a property and interests in a property which, for these purposes, are subject to business rates.

- **Motion to approve The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Relief) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order provides for a small business rate relief scheme for Wales to replace the rural rate relief scheme following the coming into force of section 63 of the Local Government Act 2003. That section makes amendments to sections 42A, 43 and 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (such that the rural rate relief scheme for Wales lapses but is saved by this Order in relation to financial years ending on or before 31 March 2007).

- **Motion to approve The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices And Discretionary Relief) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations are required to implement the Small Business Rates Relief Scheme.

They amend the Non-Domestic Rating (Discretionary Relief) Regulations 1989 by removing the need for billing authorities to send a 12 months notice to ratepayers if the effect of the coming into force of section 63 of the Local Government Act 2003 is that ratepayers would be required to pay a greater chargeable amount.

The Regulations also amend the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993 by requiring billing authorities to insert in demand notices for non-domestic rates a note regarding the effect of the introduction of the small business relief scheme.

- **Motion to approve The Local Government Act 2003 (Commencement No. 1 And Savings) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order brings into force section 63 of the Local Government Act 2003 on 1 April 2007. This section repeals, for Wales, the mandatory and discretionary rate relief in the rural rate relief scheme (established by provisions in sections 42A(1), 43(6B) and 47(3A) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988) through amending the existing provisions so that they apply to England only.

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

- **Motion to approve The Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure Order) 1995. It makes provision for access statements, which are required to accompany certain applications for planning permission. (15 mins)

- **Motion to approve The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations amend the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990. They make provision for access statements, which are required to accompany applications for listed buildings consent. (15 mins)

- **Motion to approve The Waste Electrical And Electronic Equipment (Waste Management Licensing) (England And Wales) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 section 3 (15 mins)**

These Regulations transpose the treatment and permitting requirements of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EU) in Wales and England. The content of hazardous components in electrical and electronic equipment is a major concern in the waste management and recycling phases of WEEE. The WEEE Directive requires that any establishment or undertaking treating WEEE (defined as various recovery and disposal operations after being handed over to a facility for that purpose) needs to obtain a permit from a competent authority (the Environment Agency), in compliance with the Waste Framework Directive (75/442/EC).

The Directive also requires that treatment of WEEE must include certain selective treatments and the facilities must observe certain technical requirements. These have been identified as the most effective means of protecting the environment and the selective treatments will avoid dispersion of pollutants into the recycled material or the waste stream. This will in turn encourage the reuse and recovery of waste and lead to an overall reduction in the amount of WEEE that is sent to landfill.

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

- **Motion to approve The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Wild Birds) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 24.27(iv)**

The Order will implement in domestic law in Wales Commission Decision 2006/115/EC, concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in the Community and repealing Decisions 2006/86/EC, 2006/90/EC, 2006/91/EC, 2006/94/EC, 2006/104/EC and 2006/105/EC, as amended by Commission Decision 2006/277/EC.

- **Motion to approve The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Poultry) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv)**

The Order will implement in domestic law in Wales Commission Decision 2006 /415/EC, concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry or in poultry carcasses in the Community and repealing Decision 2006/135/EC. The Order supplements the general measures to control avian influenza set out in the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No2) Order 2006.

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

### Wednesday 13 December 2006

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside(30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- Ø **The Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

Provisions for the financing of official controls, including those relating to hygiene inspection charges under Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on Official Feed and Food Controls (The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No.590 (W.66)) OFFC Regulations), which will apply across the EU from 1 January 2007, will revoke the EU legislative base for the current fishery products hygiene charging regime (Council Directive 85/73/EEC). The purpose of the EU Regulation, in setting out the charging provisions for hygiene inspections, is to require contributions to the costs of enforcement authorities in sampling and testing direct landings of fishery products to ensure that they meet the hygiene standards set down in EU legislation. Such products may enter Wales without being subject to controls at point of entry and these checks are, therefore, necessary to monitor such fishery products to ensure they meet EU hygiene standards and are fit for human consumption.

These Regulations provide for Local Food Authorities to recover a contribution towards the costs of carrying out hygiene inspection charges in respect of fish and fishery products caught in their natural environment and landed directly in Wales from:

- Member States;
- EEA States other than Member States;
- Greenland; and
- Third countries.

- **Motion to approve The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006 to remove paragraph (i) from Schedule 3 of the Regulations, to permit only the use of the

non-precious alloys (not gold, silver, platinum or palladium) included in Schedule 3(d). These Regulations remove the reference to “crowns in other materials” in the list of appliances for which a Band 3 charge may be made.

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

- **Motion to approve The Rural Development Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 24.27(iv)**
- **Motion to approve The Agricultural Subsidies and Grants schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv)**
- **Debate on a Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee under Standing Order 16.1 (ii) (5 mins)**
- **Debate on the final Budget (90 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

**Tuesday 16 January 2006**

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



- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual report of the Children`s Commissioner for Wales (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Equality of Opportunity Committee policy review : Service Provision for Disabled Young People Report (60 mins)**

**Wednesday 17 January 2007**

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health & Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language & Sport (30 mins)**
- **Question to the House Committee (5 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under The Commons Act 2006 to the First Minister (10 mins)**
- **Debate on the Local Government Finance Report (60 mins)**

- **Debate on a Standing Order 31 proposal for subordinate legislation by Michael German AM (60 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

## Tuesday 23 January 2007

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.26 (1 min)**

### **∅ The Seed (Wales) (Amendments For Tests And Trials Etc.) Regulations 2007**

These Regulations transpose Commission Decision 2004/842/EC by replacing various regulations within the Seed Marketing (Wales) Regulations with a new regulation. This regulation sets out the detailed requirements for the granting of a marketing authorisation for seed of a variety for which an application for entry in the UK National List or the EC Common Catalogue has been made but not determined. Amendments are also made to the sampling, packaging, sealing and labelling provisions in the Seed Marketing (Wales) Regulations.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (45 mins)**
- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

- **Debate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Lisa Francis` AM Standing Order 31 proposal (45 mins)**

Standing Order 31 allows Assembly Members, other than Ministers, to make proposals for subordinate legislation.

A motion 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

was supported in Plenary on 4 October 2006

### Wednesday 24 January 2007

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

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

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

- **Debate on Ambulance Services (90 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

- **Short debate postponed from 29 November 2006 : Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon):**

**Feeling Safe.(30 mins)**