

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Vote on the motion proposed by Huw Lewis

The Committee has the opportunity to discuss and vote on the motion proposed by Huw Lewis, concerning the paper by Dafydd Glyn Jones, presented at the Committee meeting of 17 May 2001.

Motion submitted by Huw Lewis on 5 June 2001:

"The paper, 'The Quality and the Medium', by Dafydd Glyn Jones [ELL 09-01 (p.5)] has been presented to this Committee in the context of our policy development study on higher education in Wales.

The Committee wholly deprecates the language used at points in the text. We regard it as being both highly personal and capable of misinterpretation as being gratuitously offensive and prejudicial.

The expressions used potentially distract attention from a proper and full consideration of the main proposal in the paper itself.

The Committee resolves that we and our expert adviser should totally disregard the subjective opinion in the paper and focus solely upon the substantive proposal, with appropriate rigour and objectivity."

{References to include if necessary - notably, and for example:

Para 1.23 page 5

Para 2.1 page 6

Para 2.2 page 6

Final paragraph of Appendix 1, page 21}"

Gareth Jones's amendment, submitted on 6 June 2001:

Delete all text from beginning of paragraph 2 to end, and insert:

"The Committee reaffirms its commitment to freedom of speech and believes that a resolution to disregard any aspect of evidence presented as part of the policy review would set a regrettable precedent for the National Assembly. "

Voting Procedure

The procedure set out in paragraph three of the Presiding Officer's guidelines, in accordance with Standing Order 8.17, on 'Motions in Committee' will be followed.

Committee Secretariat June 2001

