

## COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

**Date: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2000**

**Time: 9.30am**

**Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building**

**Title: European Union Policies and their relevance to the Assembly's work**

### **Purpose**

1. To inform committee members of the latest position on the agreed strategy to enable the National Assembly For Wales to take full account of the European dimension of their work

### **Recommendation**

2. The Committee is invited to note the content of the report.

### **Background**

3. A strategy to enable National Assembly for Wales' Subject Committees to take full account of the European dimension of their work was agreed at the European Affairs Committee meeting of 14 October 1999 (EUR -02-99(p3)).

4. As part of that strategy, the former First Secretary wrote to each Assembly Secretary on 18 November 1999 asking them to undertake a review of the work in their portfolios with a view to his reporting back to the European Affairs Committee meeting on 9 March. His letter was copied to Committee Chairs.

5. The current position with regard to the preparation of reports is as follows:

- Economic Development - Report prepared and sent to the Economic Development Secretary and First Secretary on Monday 14 February.
- Health & Social Services - Report prepared and sent to Health and Social Services Secretary and First Secretary on Tuesday 25 January 2000.
- Local Government, Environment, Planning, Housing and Transport - Report tabled at LGE Committee on Wednesday 24 November 1999.
- Under 16 and Post 16 Education - Report under preparation.

- Agriculture & Rural Development - Report under preparation.

### **Cross-cutting Themes**

6. Assembly Policy Divisions will continue to be consulted at all stages.

### **Compliance**

7. Under Section 33 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 the Assembly may consider and make appropriate representations about any matter affecting Wales.

### **Contact Point**

European Affairs Division