

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING**MINUTES:**

Date: 21 May 2002
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

Attendance:

Mick Bates (Chair)	(Liberal Democrat)
Lorraine Barrett	(Labour)
Glyn Davies	(Conservative)
Ron Davies	(Labour)
Delyth Evans	(Labour)
Dr Dai Lloyd	(Plaid Cymru)
Owen John Thomas	(Plaid Cymru)

Officials

John Turnbull	Legal Adviser
D Huw Davies	Assistant Legal Adviser
Olga Lewis	Committee Clerk
Simon Thwaite	Deputy Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence: Pauline Jarman, John Griffiths.

Item 1: Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising: LEG-12-2002(min)

1.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2002.

Item 2: Chair's Report

2.1 The Chair informed the Committee that Mr Iwan Brioc and Ms Karen Chandler from Theatr Fforwm Cymru would be giving the Committee a short presentation followed by a discussion with Committee Members.

Item 3: Assembly Orders for Consideration**LC479 - The Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002**

3.1 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations will be made under the Accelerated Procedure.

3.2 The Committee agreed that it did not need to invite the Assembly to pay special attention to the Regulations on any grounds specified in Standing Order 11.5. The Legal Advisers had had the opportunity to see an early draft and identified a number of points which had been taken into account in the final draft.

3.3 A question was raised regarding the content of these Regulations. The Legal Advisers undertook to look into the matter. **Action: Legal Advisers**

3.4 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC479 (Report).

LC480 - The Health and Social Care Act 2001 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2002

3.5 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Order will be made under the Accelerated Procedure.

3.6 The Committee agreed that it did not need to invite the Assembly to pay special attention to the Order on any grounds specified in Standing Order 11.5. The Legal Advisers had had the opportunity to see an early draft and identified a number of points which had been taken into account in the final draft.

3.7 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Order is attached as LC480 (Report).

LC481 - The Animal By-Products (Identification) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002

3.8 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations will be made under the Accelerated Procedure.

3.9 The Committee agreed that it did not need to invite the Assembly to pay special attention to the Regulations on any grounds specified in Standing Order 11.5. However, the Committee did make two general observations which they felt should be recorded in their report and approved proposed amendments to the Welsh text by virtue of a memorandum of corrections.

3.10 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC481 (Report).

Item 4: Committee Correspondence

Letter from Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Health and Social Services, dated 9 May 2002 LC459 - The Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2002

4.1 The Chair stated that he had received a response to the letter of 9 May 2002 to Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Health and Social Services on **The Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2002**. The Committee had considered the Regulations to be reportable under Standing Order 11.5 as

- Regulation 4(1) and (2) needed further explanation. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Regulation 4;
- Regulation 12(c) needed further explanation. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Regulation 12(c);
- Regulation 13(2) needed further explanation. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Regulation 13(2);
- Regulation 21(1) contained a discrepancy between the English and Welsh texts. The Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to this inconsistency.
- Schedule 3 needed further explanation. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Schedule 3.

4.2 The Committee did make 3 general observations which they felt should be recorded in the report.

Letter from Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Health and Social Services, dated 3 May 2002 LC463 - The Registration of Social Care and Independent Healthcare (Fees) (Wales)

4.3 The Chair stated that he had received a response to the letter of 3 May 2002 to Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Health and Social Services on **The Registration of Social Care and Independent Healthcare (Fees) (Wales)**. The Committee had considered the Regulations to be reportable under Standing Order 11.5 as

- Section 79F of the Care Standards Act 2000 contained a drafting defect which could be corrected in the printed version. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Section 79F.

- Regulation 7(2) contained a drafting defect which could be corrected in the printed version. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Regulation 7(2).
- Regulation 7(5)(c) needed further clarification. Accordingly, the Committee invited the Assembly to pay special attention to Regulation 7(5)(c).

4.4 The Committee did make a number of general observations which they felt should be recorded in the report.

Item 5: Discussion with the representatives of Theatr Fforwm Cymru

5.1 The Chair welcomed the representatives of Theatr Fforwm Cymru Ms Karen Chandler, The Marketing Officer and Mr Iwan Brioc, the Associate Director to the Committee.

5.2 Mr Iwan Brioc addressed the Committee regarding the background of Theatr Fforwm Cymru and their current project " the AGORA", which is to be held in the Oval Basin, Cardiff Bay between June 26-28 2002. Mr Brioc explained the AGORA was an open space used in ancient times where legislators and citizens would meet as equals. He informed the committee about the Brazilian experience in using theatrical performances to put across legislative issues.

5.3 The Marketing Officer Ms Karen Chandler addressed the Committee regarding the practicalities of the AGORA. Ms Chandler stated that there would be 3 geodesic domes in which the AGORA would be held. The Committee was informed that each day community groups from across Wales would be presenting pieces of legislative theatre, there would also be informal discussions, policy planning and a press conference. Ms Chandler invited Members to attend.

5.4 In discussion the following points were raised.

- The AGORA would take place over three days and to be able to attend the AMs would need to know the schedule of events. It was explained that each day would be devoted broadly to one specific topic: 26th of June - Community, 27th of June - Youth and 28th of June - Health.
- A question about the sources of funding and the selection of participating community groups was raised. It was explained that the main funding for the project came from the National Assembly for Wales Active Communities Fund and ELWa. There were fourteen groups taking part in the project. Originally, Theatr Fforwm Cymru contacted 3000 groups that they had on their database. Of those, 100 expressed an interest in participating. A shortlist was made and the present 14 groups were identified. Another 10 groups would start training in September.
- A concern was raised that the limited powers of the National Assembly might not be enough to allow the issues raised to become reality. The representatives of the Theatr Fforwm Cymru were asked about their plans to forward their issues beyond the national Assembly for Wales. It was explained that the Theatr Fforwm Cymru was linked to the European network of similar organisations and that they were prepared to bring the matters before the European Human Rights experts. There were plans to target MPs, MEPs and Statutory Bodies.

5.5 The Chair on behalf on the Legislation Committee thanked the representatives of the Theatr Fforwm Cymru for their contribution.

Item 6: Any Other Business and Date of next meeting

6.1 The next meeting would be held on 28 May 2002.