

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING****MINUTES:**

**Date:** 6 November 2001  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

**Attendance:**

Mick Bates (Chair)	(Liberal Democrat)
Glyn Davies	(Conservative)
Ron Davies	(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
Corinne Leavy	Acting Deputy Committee Clerk

**Apologies for absence: Pauline Jarman, Rosemary Butler and John Griffiths**

**Item 1: Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising: LEG-22-2001(min)**

1.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on date 23 October 2001.

**Item 2: Chair's Report**

2.1 The Chair reported that the Clerk of the Economic Development Committee and the Clerk to the Assembly were establishing a policy on the giving of gifts by Committees and other Assembly groups. The gift items would be available to everyone through the Assembly shop. Committees would be able to purchase gifts for use on official Committee business. This policy would get a formal clearance soon.

2.2 It was agreed that the Report by the Chair on International Conference on Regulation Reform, Management and Scrutiny of Legislation would be published internally in a similar format to Policy Review: Supply of School Places by the Education and Life-Long Learning Committee.

### **Item 3: Assembly Orders for Consideration**

#### **LC354: The Plant Health (Amendment) (Wales) (No2) Order 2001**

3.1 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Order 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 order on any grounds specified in Standing Order 11.5 nor did they have any general observations.

3.3 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Order is attached as LC354 (Report).

#### **LC355: The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

3.4 Mr Turnbull presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations will be made under the Accelerated Procedure.

3.5 Having considered the Legal Adviser's report, Members agreed that there were no matters to raise under Standing Order 11.5. However a number of minor typographical/ drafting errors had been identified. It was agreed that as these were minor errors they could be amended under SO22.13 by a Memorandum of Corrections.

3.6 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC355 (Report).

#### **LC356: The Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement)(Wales) Order 2001**

3.7 Mr Turnbull presented the report to the Committee. The Order will be made under the Standard Procedure.

3.8 Having considered the Legal Adviser's report, Members agreed that there were no matters to raise under Standing Order 11.5. However, it was noted that this Order was referred to Parliamentary Counsel who suggested certain drafting amendments. It was agreed that the points he made could be amended under SO22.13 by a Memorandum of Corrections. The Committee's report would indicate that it was subject to the errors being corrected in this way.

3.9 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Order is attached as LC356 (Report).

#### **LC357: The Mandatory Travel Concessions (Reimbursement Arrangements)(Wales) Regulations 2001**

3.10 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations will be made under the Standard Procedure.

3.11 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, a number of typographical points had been drawn to the attention of the drafting lawyer.

3.12 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC357 (Report).

### **LC358: The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot -and -Mouth Disease) (Wales) (No 10) Regulations 2001**

3.13 Mr Turnbull presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations will be made under the Executive Procedure.

3.14 Having considered the Legal Adviser's report, Members concluded that there were matters to raise under Standing Order 11.5. Three points were raised one of confusion in terminology and two references to revoked provisions. The Committee therefore agreed to invoke the procedure set out in Standing Order 11.4. This provides that before reporting to the Assembly that it should pay special attention to any legislation, the Chair must first notify the relevant Assembly Secretary of the Committee's intention to make such a report and give the Assembly Secretary an opportunity of responding either orally or in writing. **Action: Legal Adviser/Clerk.**

### **LC359: The Meat (Hygiene and Inspection)(Charges)(Amendment) (No2)(Wales) Regulations 2001**

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

3.17 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 identify two typographical points which they felt should be recorded in their report.

3.18 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC359(Report).

### **Item 4. Legislation Committee Annual Report**

4.1 The report was endorsed by the committee as an accurate reflection of the committee's work during the past year.

### **Item 5: Any Other Business and Date of next meeting**

5.1 A concern was raised regarding the declaration of interests by members of the Committee on occasions when the Committee discussed issues involving such private interests. The Chair was asked to clarify the current position. **Action: Chair/Clerk**

5.2 The next meeting would be held on 13 November 2001.