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WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY 2000

PART 1 – SECTION A

AGENDA

The session will commence at 2pm

Questions to Rosemary Butler, Secretary for Pre-16 Education (15 minutes)

A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Questions to Christine Gwyther, Secretary for Agriculture & Rural Development (15 minutes)

A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Debate on the release of Genetically Modified Organisms in Wales

The general policy of the National Assembly for Wales in respect of its transferred functions under section 111 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 of determining applications for consent to release genetically modified organisms in to the Welsh environment, is not to grant such consents unless the position is that sufficient information is available to the Assembly to enable it to conclude with confidence that the release is not capable of causing damage to the Welsh environment by harming the health of humans or other living organisms or interfering with their ecological systems.

However, the Assembly will consider any representations as to whether it should give consents in a particular case, even where the position is otherwise.

In addition, the Assembly shall have regard to the above general policy in respect of existing simplified procedure consents under section 111 where the holder of such a consent wishes to add a site in Wales to a programme of development of work

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Andrew Davies, Swansea West

First paragraph delete "is not capable of causing damage to the Welsh environment by harming the health of humans or other living organisms or interfering with their ecological

systems" and replace with "is safe for human health and the environment".

Second paragraph delete ", even where the position is otherwise".

Short Debate: (to commence by 5pm)
Brian Hancock (Islwyn); Sub Post Offices

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

WHITSUN RECESS 29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2000

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 6th June 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly