

# Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (209)

Wednesday, 14th June 2006

## AGENDA

**The meeting will commence at 2.00pm**

[Item 1 - Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services](#)

[Item 2 - Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside](#)

[Item 3 - Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration: The Welsh Assembly Government's Response to the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's Review on Substance Misuse](#)

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**Item 4 - Motion to delegate functions under Sections 76B & & 76E of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 as amended by the Equality Act 2006 to the First Minister**

NDM3093 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under section 62 (1) (b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate the functions of the National Assembly contained in or under sections 76B (3) (a) and 76E (3) (a) and (b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, as inserted into that Act by the Equality Act 2006 to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in the motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

This delegation will be made in the knowledge that those functions will, as appropriate, be further delegated to the appropriate Assembly Minister and to staff.

A copy of The Sex Discrimination Act can be located on the internet using the attached hyperlink: <http://www.pfc.org.uk/legal/sda.htm>

A copy of The Equality Act can be located on the internet using the attached hyperlink:

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2006/ukpga\\_20060003\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2006/ukpga_20060003_en.pdf)

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## **Item 5 - Debate on WAVE: Wales, A Vibrant Economy**

NDM3092 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the development of the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategic Framework for Economic Development, "Wales: A Vibrant Economy", copies of which have been sent to Members previously, and which can be found on the internet using the hyperlink below:

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/subitradeindustry/content/wave/wave-e.htm>

<http://www.cymru.gov.uk/subitradeindustry/content/wave/wave-w.htm>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has determined the order in which they will be taken for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:**

**(1)**

**(2+3)**

**(4+5+6+7)**

**(8+9+10+11)**

### **Amendment 1. John Marek (Wrexham) - WITHDRAWN**

Add new point at end of motion:

Recognises the potential importance of the Ebbw Vale railway line to the re-generation of some of our most deprived communities.

### **Amendment 2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets the failure of the Welsh Assembly Government to deliver its key economic targets since it came to power, and its failure to secure adequate matched funding from the UK Treasury for its Objective 1 programme and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to:

- a) make better use of convergence funding for the next round by ensuring that the UK Treasury provides matched funding; and
- b) emphasise the importance of indigenous businesses in improving the economy.

### **Amendment 3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add new point at end of motion:

In light of increases in energy costs and predictions for climate change, calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that sustainable development and environmental considerations are central to all its economic policies.

### **Amendment 4. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets the drop in manufacturing output in Wales while the sector in the rest of the UK is growing and expresses concern at the falls in the index of production, construction, manufacturing, as well as the increase in unemployment over the last 12 months and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to recognise its failures and revise its strategies accordingly.

### **Amendment 5. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales is now the poorest region of the UK when measured by the internationally recognised economic indicator of GVA.

### **Amendment 6. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the further widening of the growth in the value of exports between Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom.

### **Amendment 7. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that statutory registration in the tourism sector would have a negative impact on the economy of tourist areas and therefore opposes any plan for statutory registration in the tourism sector.

### **Amendment 8. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to target support at new businesses in growth sectors.

### **Amendment 9. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to give greater priority to infrastructure, particularly transport, projects in the next round of European structural funding.

### **Amendment 10. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to do more to help the economic revitalisation of town centres and to ensure that town centres remain economically viable.

**Amendment 11. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Instructs the Assembly Government to develop a green jobs strategy, and to do more to assist and promote green businesses and industries.

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**Item 6 - Short debate - NDM3091 Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Recycling: Progress – but a long way to go.**

**It is expected that the meeting will conclude by  
5.30pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at  
2.00pm on Tuesday, 20th June 2006**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**