

**Draft Business Statement for the next 3 weeks and the Deputy Presiding Officer's  
Determinations for Wednesday 15 November 2006**

**Determinations**

Following the meeting of the Business Committee held on 14 November the Deputy Presiding Officer determined, in accordance with Standing Order 24.6 that the following items of legislation need not be referred to a subject committee for extended consideration:

- The Care Standards Act 2000 And The Children Act 1989  
(Regulatory Reform And Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006
  
- The Countryside And Rights Of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 9 And Saving) (Wales) Order 2006
  
- The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006

**Draft Business Statement**

**Tuesday 21 November & Wednesday 22 November 2006**

**Tuesday 28 November & Wednesday 29 November 2006**

**Tuesday 5 December & Wednesday 6 December 2006**

**Tuesday 21 November 2006**

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services: The Beecham Review (30 mins)**

- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**

Ø **The Inspection of the Careers and Related Services (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations prescribe the arrangements for the inspection of careers and related services in Wales under the new powers given to the Chief Inspector for Education and Training in Wales in the Education Act 2005 (the Act). The Act and associated Regulations will bring the inspection of careers services and related services in line with all other Education and Training in Wales that comes within the Chief Inspector's remit.

Ø **The Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

The Education (Schools) Act 1997 provides for the progressive phasing out of the Assisted Places Scheme (APS) and imposes a duty on the National Assembly for Wales to continue to remit the whole or part of the tuition fees and other incidental expenses, which parents are required to meet in connection with their child's participation in the APS.

These Regulations uplift by 2.4%, in line with inflation (October 2005 Retail; Price Index), the tables used to calculate the amount that parents of children continuing to hold assisted places at former participating independent schools have to contribute to tuition fees during the academic year 2005/2006, having regard to their relevant income. The Regulations also uprate by 2.4% the dependants allowance used to calculate relevant income from £1,575 to £1,625.

#### **Ø The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

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These Regulations uplift by 2.4%, in line with inflation (October 2005 Retail Price Index), the tables used to calculate parents' eligibility to receive uniform grant and travel grant available under the scheme during the academic year 2006/07.

- **Motion to approve The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations implement the requirements of Article 3 of the 'Public Participation' Directive 2003/35/EC. They amend the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)

(England and Wales) Regulations 1999 and update some Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)-related definitions in the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.

- **Motion to approve The Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations establish independent review arrangements to review adoption agency decisions where it is minded:

- not to approve prospective adopters as suitable to become adoptive parents;
- to revoke approval to prospective adopters who are no longer considered suitable as adoptive parents;
- not to proceed with an application for disclosure of information;
- to disclose information about a person where consent to disclosure has been withheld; and
- not to disclose information about a person where consent has been given consent to disclosure.

- **Motion to approve The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment Scheme (Set-aside) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations amend the Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment Scheme (Set-aside) (Wales) Regulations 2005 by:

- adding further exemptions from the requirement to establish green cover (e.g. grass) by the commencement of the green cover season;
- adding a provision allowing farmers at any time on or after 1 May each year to

cultivate organic land set aside from production for the purpose of controlling weeds;

- removing the restriction on grazing after the set-aside period where the green cover has been replaced;
- setting new management conditions for the application of pesticides and herbicides on set-aside land;
- updating references to European Commission Regulations 795/2004 and 1973/2004 and European Council Regulation 1782/2003 to reflect the amendments that have been made to these Regulations, since the coming into force of The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment Scheme (Set-aside) (Wales) Regulations 2005 on 15 January 2005; and
- substituting “ 9 February” for “31 January” as the last date each year for collectors or processors of raw materials produced on set-aside land for non-food purposes to notify the Welsh Assembly Government of quantities received.

- **Motion to delegate functions under section 13(6) and 13 (8) of the Social Security Act 1988 to the First Minister (15 mins)**

- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

### Wednesday 22 November 2006

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health and Social Services (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport (30 mins)**

- **Questions to House Committee (5 mins)**

- **Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration: Deaths as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning (30 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Healthy Start Scheme (Description of Healthy Start Food) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations will enable Wales to specify the range of Healthy Start foods that will be available under the Healthy Start Scheme in Wales. The foods that will be available under the Healthy Start Scheme will be milk, infant formula, fresh fruit and vegetables and vitamins.

- **Motion to delegate functions under The National Lotteries Act 2006 to the First Minister (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the 2005/06 Annual Report of the Health Service Commission for Wales (30 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

## **Tuesday 28 November 2006**

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order amends the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 and provides an updated list of disinfectants approved for use for animal disease control purposes under the Animal Health Act 1981. It also revokes, with appropriate transitional arrangements, the complete list of disinfectants set out in The Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2005.

- **Statement by the Rt Hon. Peter Hain, Secretary of State for Wales on the Queen's Speech**
- **Debate on the Queen's Speech (90 minutes)**
- **Debate on the Welsh Assembly's 7<sup>th</sup> Equality Annual Report (60 mins)**

### Wednesday 29 November 2006

- **Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills (30 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside: The Welsh Assembly Government's Response to the Environment, Planning & Countryside Committee's Report on the Planning Aspects of Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus (30 mins)**

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- **Statement by the Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside: The Welsh Assembly Government's Response to the Environment, Planning & Countryside Committee's Report on the Marine Bill (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve changes to the National Assembly for Wales Members' Pension Scheme Rules (5 mins)**
- **Motion to approve a Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances (5 mins)**
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the National Assembly's Disability Equality Scheme (60 mins)**
- **Motion to approve the Periodic Timetable Statement (5 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 5 December 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**



- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**

Ø **The Cereal Seed (Wales) and Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations transpose Council Directive 2006/55/EC, which was published on 12 June 2006 and increases maximum size of cereal seed lots for species other than maize from 25 to 30 tonnes. In addition, these Regulations amend the Cereal Seed (Wales) Regulations 2005 and the Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) Regulations 2005 in line with Council Directive 2006/55/EC.

Ø **The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations implement in Wales provisions of EC Regulation 882/2004 on Official Food and Feed Controls that relate to the requirements to charge for meat hygiene official controls at approved meat establishments. These Regulations will require the Food Standards Agency to charge the operators of approved meat premises in Wales in order to recover the costs incurred by the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS), an Executive Agency of the FSA. These costs are incurred by the MHS in carrying out official controls at such premises for the purpose of checking compliance with applicable meat hygiene requirements.

- **Motion to approve The Care Standards Act 2000 And The Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform And Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations will bring the existing Regulations on services regulated by the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (CSIW) into line with two recent developments – the reform of regulatory practice and the new framework on handling complaints in local authority social services.

- **Motion to approve The Countryside And Rights Of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 9 And Saving) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order brings into force certain provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The provisions require local highway authorities to have regard to the needs of persons with

mobility problems when erecting stiles and gates across footpaths and bridleways. The Order also commences some technical provisions within the Act and clarifies the effect of provisions contained within two previous Commencement Orders.

- **Motion to approve The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order relates to the Assembly's power to make an Order in preparation for the next Assembly elections in 2007. Part I and II of the Schedule sets a maximum level for charges, expenses and fees, which Returning Officers can recover from the National Assembly for Wales, in respect of elections costs. Part III provides for the expenses a Returning Officer can claim for, which do not have maximum levels specified. This revokes The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2002 and The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) (Amendment) Order 2003.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (60 mins)**

- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

### Wednesday 6 December 2006

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Jane Hutt , y Trefnydd, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the Review of the Arts Council (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**