

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES:

Date: 4 December 2001
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

Attendance:

Mick Bates (Chair)	(Liberal Democrat)
Ron Davies	(Labour)
Brian Gibbons	(Labour)
Pauline Jarman	(Plaid Cymru)
Peter Law	(Labour)
Owen John Thomas	(Plaid Cymru)

Officials

John Turnbull	Legal Adviser
D Huw Davies	Assistant Legal Adviser
Olga Lewis	Committee Clerk
Julie Owen	Deputy Committee Clerk

Apologies for absence: Glyn Davies, Dai Lloyd and Alun Pugh

Item 1: Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising: LEG-27-2001(min)

1.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2001.

Item 2: Chair's Report

2.1 The Chair welcomed the new members to the Committee.

2.2 The Chair reminded members Mr Winston Roddick QC, The Counsel General would be attending the next meeting to discuss his report on "The Operation Of A System Of Lawmaking And Justice That In Practice Treats English And Welsh On A Basis Of Equality. A Further Report On The Lessons From The Canadian Experience."

Item 3: Assembly Orders for Consideration

LC378: The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-And-Mouth Disease) (Wales) (No. 12) Regulations 2001

3.1 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Regulations had been made under the Executive 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. However, the Committee did make a one general observation which they felt should be recorded in their report.

3.3 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Regulations is attached as LC378 (Report).

LC379: The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Amendment) (Wales) (No. 12) Order 2001

3.4 Mr Davies presented the report to the Committee. The Order had been made under the Executive Procedure.

3.5 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.

3.6 The Committee's report to the Assembly on the Order is attached as LC378 (Report).

Item 4: Any Other Business and Date of next meeting

4.1 The next meeting would be held on 11 December 2001.

4.2 Following the meeting Members visited the Office of the Counsel General for a briefing as to the process of Assembly Legislation Drafting.