

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Oral Questions to the First Minister

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Item 2

Statement: The First Minister on South Wales Police Investigations

Item 3

Statement: The Minister for Health and Social Services on the Carlile Review

Item 4

Business Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs and Assembly Business

Click [here](#) for the Draft Business Statement

Item 5

Approval of The Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002

NDM975 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002.

NDM976 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002; and

2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 February 2002.

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

Click [here](#) for the Memorandum of Corrections

Item 6

Debate on the Final NHS Resource Allocations Review Report

NDM974 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Welcomes Professor Townsend's Report on targeting poor health in Wales;
2. Endorses the principles set out in it for addressing health inequalities in Wales;
3. Recognises that implementation will be based upon differential distribution of growth, in which all parts of Wales will continue to receive an annual increase in allocation, covering both NHS cost inflation and an allowance for funding of agreed priorities and service development;
4. Reaffirms the on-going part which the Health Inequalities Fund will play in addressing areas of health deprivation in all parts of Wales;
5. Looks forward to the start of the implementation process in April 2003;
6. Notes the further work required to refine the formula prior to implementation including general medical services, urban and rural issues.

Professor Townsend's Report on targeting poor health in Wales was e-mailed to Members on 26th February 2002.

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 and has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1) + (2)

(3) + (4) + (5)

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

In point 1 replace "Welcomes" with "Notes".

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Delete points 2,3,4,5 and 6 and replace with:

2. Further notes that the Townsend Report was commissioned before the Administration abruptly decided to abolish Health Authorities;

3. Recognises that the resource reallocation recommendations of the Townsend Report have not yet been analysed at Local Health Board Level;

4. Believes that the new Local Health Boards should be allowed to bed down before the introduction of a new resource allocation formula is considered;

5. Welcomes those recommendations of the Townsend Report that deal with matters other than the resource allocation formula, and calls for their prompt implementation;

6. In the absence of changes to the resource allocation formula, recognises the need to increase the level of funding for the Health Inequalities Fund.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

In point 5, after 'April 2003', insert;

but notes that the allocation of resources in this report is based on the Health Authorities, which will cease to exist after this date.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

In point 6, after 'rural issues', insert;

and calls upon the Minister to ensure that the revised formula is brought back to the plenary session for approval by the National Assembly.

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

Add as new point at end of motion;

Notes that the inadequacies of funding through the Barnett Formula are having a direct impact on the ability of the National Assembly to ensure there is sufficient capacity within the National Health Service in Wales to meet need.

Click [here](#) for Professor Townsend's Report on targeting poor health in Wales

Item 7

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

NDM977 WITHDRAWN

The National Assembly:

1. Notes the unacceptably high levels of deprivation, social exclusion and economic under-performance in the industrial Valleys of the South

2. Asserts its belief that these problems can be overcome thereby releasing the potential of the valleys to contribute fully once again to the economic, social and cultural prosperity of Wales

3. Calls on the Government of Wales:

i) to draw up and implement an integrated regional regeneration strategy for the Valleys with clear targets for the number of extra jobs required; and

ii) to set in place appropriate structures, including appointing a dedicated cabinet minister, to ensure the strategy's implementation.

Jocelyn Davies will propose a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.18 to bring forward the following motion which was postponed in plenary on the 26th February:

NDM968 - The National Assembly:

1. Deplores the failure of the 'New Labour' Governments of the UK and Wales to safeguard and improve the health service in Wales

2. Notes the disastrous failure to fulfil the pledge of reducing hospital waiting times in Wales, and

3. Demands effective action at all levels to meet the health needs of the people of Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan

Add new point at end of motion:

"Notes the failure of the Labour/Liberal Administration to significantly increase the number of inpatient treatments in Wales."

The session will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 7th March 2002

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