

Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (239)

Date: Tuesday, 5th December 2006

Time: 2.00pm

Item 1 - Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 1 and 2 were grouped together for answer.

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3.01pm

Item 2 - Business Statement

The Business Statement was adopted.

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3.06pm

Item 3 - Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Report on the outbreak of Cryptosporidiosis

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3.40pm

This item is not subject to debate and will proceed to a vote immediately

Item 4 - Motion to approve legislation under Standing Order 24.25

NDM3352 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 24.25:

1. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 21 November 2006 on the draft The Cereal Seed (Wales) and Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006;and
- b) Approves that The Cereal Seed (Wales) and Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 are made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 7 November 2006; and
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2006.

2. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006 on the draft The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006;and

b) Approves that The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006 are made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006;
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006;and
- iii) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006.

3. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006 on the draft The Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (Wales) Regulations 2006;and

b) Approves that The Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (Wales) Regulations 2006 are made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 21 November 2006;and
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 21 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the Motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	1	0	46

The Motion was agreed.

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3.41pm

Item 5 - Motion to approve The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006

NDM3353 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) Regulations 2006 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 14 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

The principle of the Regulations was agreed.

NDM3354 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006 in relation to the draft The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) Regulations 2006; and
2. Approves that the draft The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) Regulations 2006 is made in accordance with:
 - a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006;
 - b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006; and
 - c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Regulations:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

The Regulations were approved.

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3.55pm

Item 6 - Motion to approve The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving) (Wales) Order 2006

NDM3355 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No.9 and Saving) (Wales) Order 2006 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 14 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

The principle of the Order was agreed.

NDM3356 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006 in relation to the draft The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No.9 and Saving) (Wales) Order 2006; and

2. Approves that the draft The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No.9 and Saving) (Wales) Order 2006 is made in accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006;
- b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006; and
- c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Order:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

The Order was approved.

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3.59pm

Item 7 - Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate

NDM3357 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the seriousness of climate change and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to improve the standard of energy efficiency by:

- a) Seeking the power to devolve building regulations to the Assembly thus allowing the Assembly Government to set a timetable to work towards zero carbon new build.
- b) Improving the level of advice on energy efficiency, renewable energy and transport available to consumers and community groups.
- c) Conducting a high profile public information campaign to inform consumers of the need and benefits of becoming more energy efficient.
- d) Making carbon reduction in the community a strategic goal for local authorities, including linking reduction targets with financial incentives.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new sub-point at end of motion:

"Develop an initiative to enable significant investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems such as the development of a Welsh low carbon building programme."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

As there was an equality of votes, the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new sub-point at end of motion:

"Developing and publishing energy efficiency ratings for public buildings in Wales."

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new sub-point at end of motion:

"Recognising the potential for smart meters to increase energy efficiency, and working with energy suppliers to introduce a Welsh pilot study."

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Acknowledges that a full cost appraisal exercise must be carried out on each of the suggested improvements before they are implemented."

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total

55	0	0	55
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Amendment 4 was agreed.

NDM3357 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the seriousness of climate change and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to improve the standard of energy efficiency by:

- a) Seeking the power to devolve building regulations to the Assembly thus allowing the Assembly Government to set a timetable to work towards zero carbon new build.
- b) Improving the level of advice on energy efficiency, renewable energy and transport available to consumers and community groups.
- c) Conducting a high profile public information campaign to inform consumers of the need and benefits of becoming more energy efficient.
- d) Making carbon reduction in the community a strategic goal for local authorities, including linking reduction targets with financial incentives.
- e) Developing and publishing energy efficiency ratings for public buildings in Wales.
- f) Recognising the potential for smart meters to increase energy efficiency, and working with energy suppliers to introduce a Welsh pilot study.
- g) Acknowledges that a full cost appraisal exercise must be carried out on each of the suggested improvements before they are implemented.

A vote was taken on the Motion as amended:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

The Motion as amended was agreed.

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4.42pm

Item 8 - Debate on the Welsh Assembly's 7th Equality Annual Report

NDM3358 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order No. 6.6(ix):

Notes The National Assembly for Wales: Arrangements to Promote Equality of Opportunity – Financial year 2005-06 which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

"Calls on the Assembly Government to ensure that future reports measure improved equality outcomes as well as setting out equality outputs."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

NDM3358 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order No. 6.6(ix):

- 1) Notes The National Assembly for Wales: Arrangements to Promote Equality of Opportunity – Financial year 2005-06 which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 November 2006.
- 2) Calls on the Assembly Government to ensure that future reports measure improved equality outcomes as well as setting out equality outputs.

A vote was taken on the Motion as amended:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

The Motion as amended was agreed.

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The meeting concluded at 5.36pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 6th December 2006.

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

Determinations

Following the meeting of the Business Committee held on 5 December 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 National Health Service (Miscellaneous Amendments Concerning Independent Nurse Prescribers, Supplementary Prescribers, Nurse Independent Prescribers and Pharmacist Independent Prescribers) (Wales) Regulations 2007

- The Seed (Wales) (Amendments for Tests and Trials etc.) Regulations 2007