Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 30th April 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 6 was withdrawn.

2.45pm

The Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh Language made a statement on the Elite Cymru Scheme & the Sports Council's progress in increasing the number of coaches in Wales

3.12pm

The Economic Development Minister made a statement on Energy

3.51pm

Business Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs and Assembly Business

The business statement was agreed

3.53pm

The Presiding Officer made a statement on the Suspension of Standing Orders

3.56pm

Suspension of Standing Orders

NDM1042 - To propose that the National Assembly:

In accordance with Standing Orders 34.4 and 34.5, resolves that Standing Order 6.12 and Standing Order 6.13 be suspended to enable the motion for the Plaid Cymru nominated debate on Tuesday 7th May and any subsequent amendments to be tabled.

The suspension to Standing Order 6.12 will have effect for Tuesday 30th April only. The suspension of Standing Order 6.13 will have effect on Thursday 2nd May only.

A vote was taken on the procedural motion:

For 43; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 43

The procedural motion was carried

3.58pm

Special Grant Report on innovative ways of delivering education in a rural setting and support for local authorities in delivering individual pupil number data *NDM1038* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Under S88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.8, approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 6) (Wales) 2002 which was laid in the Table Office on 22 April 2002.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The motion was carried

4.34pm

Plaid Cymru nominated debate

NDM1039 - The National Assembly

- 1. Notes the major importance of broadcasting to the quality of life of the people, the cultural identity of Wales, and the health of our democracy.
- 2. Recognises the need for an integrated national service, including an English-language channel for Wales.
- 3. Accepts in principle the appropriateness of transferring responsibility for the regulation of broadcasting and communications to the National Assembly.
- 4. Supports in the meanwhile bringing the BBC into the remit of OFCOM and to ensure Welsh representation on OFCOM.
- 5. Calls upon the Government of Wales to commission a detailed study of the options for the future of broadcasting in Wales, including methods of funding and legal issues.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Carwyn Jones (Bridgend)

Delete all after point 1. and replace with:

- 2. Recognises the need to ensure good quality English and Welsh medium broadcast access and provision during the transfer from analogue to digital.
- 3. Recognises that Broadcasting will be considered by the Commission on Assembly Powers established under the Chairmanship of Lord Richard.
- 4. Supports the need for Welsh representation on OFCOM.
- 5. Calls upon the Culture Minister to Commission a study on Welsh broadcasting under the auspices of Cymru'n Creu.

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add as new point:

Acknowledges the substantial contribution by S4C to broadcasting in Wales and the development of our national culture.

Amendment 3 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add as new point:

Recognises the responsibility of the main broadcasters to provide comprehensive balanced programming and news coverage for Wales.

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Government of Wales to press for access to Welsh TV and radio channels for all parts of Wales.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 30; Abstain 13; Against 0; Total 43

Amendment 1 was carried

Amendment 2

For 31; Abstain 13; Against 0; Total 44

Amendment 2 was carried

Amendment 3

For 34; Abstain 13; Against 0; Total 47

Amendment 3 was carried

Amendment 4

For 8; Abstain 13; Against 26; Total 47

Amendment 4 was defeated

The motion, as amended

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The motion, as amended, was carried

5.30pm

Jonathan Morgan proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.16 to postpone the following item of business

The procedural motion

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The procedural motion was carried

Short Debate

NDM1026 Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): The Participation of Young People in Politics - (Rescheduled from 18th April 2002)

The session concluded at 5.31pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 2nd May 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET Documents laid on 25 April 2002

Cost Benefit Analysis for Motion NNDM - Standing Order 29 Subordinate Legislation - LD1379 Audit Report 04-02:Procurement in the Further Education Sector in Wales - LD1371

Legislation Committee Reports

Documents laid on 30 April 2002

LC467 - The School Government (Terms of Reference) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1380

LC468 - The School Teacher Appraisal (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1381

LC469 - The School Governor's Annual Reports (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 - LD1382

LC470 - The Education (School Information) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 - LD1383

LC472 - The Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2002 - LD1384

LC473 - The Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1385

LC474 - The Food (Jelly Confectionery) (Emergency Control) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1386

LC462 - The Registration of Social Care and Independent Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1387

Documents laid on 25 April 2002

LC456 - The Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance (Maximum Amounts) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2002 - LD1372

LC457 - The Sheep and Goats Identification and Movement (Interim Measures) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2002 - LD1373

LC458 - The Local Government (Whole Authority Analyses and Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2002 - LD1374

LC460 - The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No. 8 (Wales) and Transitional, Savings, Consequential and Amendment Provisions) Order 2002 - LD1375

LC461 - The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No. 11) Order 2002 - LD1376

LC464 - The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1377

LC465 - The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Approved Investments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1378