Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 16th November 2004

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

First Minister's Question Time

The first 11 questions were answered.

2.49pm

Business Statement

The business statement was agreed

2.57pm

Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on banning smoking in public places

Statement by the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside: Progress with Planning: Delivering for Wales - WITHDRAWN

3.22pm

Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.27 (iv) The Food Labelling (Amendment) (No2) Regulations 2004

NDM2168 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Food Labelling (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 8 November 2004.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Calls for countries of origin to be marked on food labels.

Amendment 2 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Calls for the salt and sugar content to be marked on food labels.

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for more stringent and clearer labelling of GM related products, in particular that meat and other products from animals fed on GM feed should be labelled and the threshold for GM

contamination in non-GM produce should be reduced to 0.1%.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1 to the principle of the Regulations

For 26; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 55

Amendment 1 to the principle of the regulations fell

A vote was taken on Amendment 2 to the principle of the Regulations

For 26; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 55

Amendment 2 to the principle of the regulations fell

A vote was taken on Amendment 3 to the principle of the Regulations

For 26; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 55

Amendment 3 to the principle of the regulations fell

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations

For 55; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 55

The principle of the regulations was approved

NDM2169 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Food Labelling (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 24.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Regulations

For 55; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 55

The Regulations were approved

3.47pm

Motion to debate the notice of dissatisfaction with the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning's intention to make the Education Maintenance Allowance –Wales Scheme NDM2144

Peter Black (South Wales West)

Mike German (South Wales East)

Janet Ryder (North Wales)

leuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East)

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)

Leanne Wood (South Wales Central)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

David Davies (Monmouth)

David Melding (South Wales Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 29.5:

- 1. Expresses its dissatisfaction with the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning's proposal, emailed to Assembly Members on 27 October 2004, to make the "Education Maintenance Allowance Wales Scheme"; and
- 2. Resolves that Standing Orders 24.6 to 24.25 shall apply to the making of this Order.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 28; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 597

The motion was defeated

4.32pm

The Welsh Liberal Democrats nominated debate

NDM2167 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

The National Assembly for Wales believes that the functions of the Arts Council of Wales should not be taken into the direct control of the Welsh Assembly Government.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete all and replace with:

The National Assembly for Wales believes that the Welsh Assembly Government should not take the Arts Council of Wales under its direct control.

Amendment 2 - Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

Delete all after "Arts Council for Wales" and replace with:

should be considered in the context of the forthcoming statement, which the First Minister has undertaken to make on the review of ASPB's.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 28; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 57

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 57

Amendment 2 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 57

The motion, as amended, was carried

Debate on the Annual Report of the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales - This Motion was not moved

NDM2170 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

Notes the publication of the annual report of the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales for the period 2003-2004, a copy of which was e-mailed to Members on 9 November 2004.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Government to address the lack of care home provision for the elderly and mentally infirm, and the deficiencies in mental health services for children and adolescents.

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to change the inspection regime for children's daycare services in order to dispense with notices of inspection, with the exception of childminders where there should be a short period of notice.

Amendment 3 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales to apply appropriate variations to the Minimum Care Standards, including Standard 18, for residential substance misuse units.

Amendment 4 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales to apply appropriate variations to Minimum Care Standard 37.3.

Amendment 5 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the continuing fall in the number of care homes and care home places under this Assembly Government.

The meeting concluded at 5.29pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 17th November 2004

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents Laid on 11 November 2004

Report by the Health and Social Services Committee - The Day Care (Application to Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3288
People, Places, Futures - the Wales Spatial Plan - LD3289

Documents Laid on 10 November 2004

The Higher Education Act 2004 (Commencement No.1 and Transitional Provision) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD3284

The Local Authorities (Changing Executive Arrangements and Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3285

The Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (Wales) (No. 1) Order 2004 - LD3286

The Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (Wales) (No. 2) Order 2004 - LD3287