

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (122)  
Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 2nd March 2005**

**The meeting commenced at 2.00pm**

**Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services**

The first 11 questions were answered. Questions 3+8 were grouped together for answer. Questions 5+7 were withdrawn.

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**2.30pm**

**Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside**

All questions were answered. Questions 7+9 were grouped together for answer.

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**2.59pm**

**Debate on OFCOM - *No motion tabled***

The Assembly agreed in Plenary on 1st March to suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following motion.

**NNDM2321 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

The National Assembly for Wales believes that public service broadcasting in Welsh and English plays a vital role in Wales today and needs to be maintained and strengthened into the digital future.

**3.05pm**

***Christine Gwyther took the Chair temporarily in accordance with Standing Order 1.11.***

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that there is comprehensive digital coverage throughout the whole of Wales when the analogue signal is switched off and that no one is socially excluded by prohibitive cost.

**2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for a Welsh representative on the OFCOM Executive Committee to help ensure the very best digital future for Wales.

**3. David Melding (South Wales Central)**

Add a new bullet point at end of motion:

The National Assembly believes that OFCOM's Phase 3 recommendations will need careful review and amendment if they are not to compromise aspects of public service broadcasting in Wales.

**4. David Melding (South Wales Central)**

Add a new bullet point at end of motion:

The National Assembly notes the contribution made by TV and film production to the development of the Welsh economy and believes that reforms to public service broadcasting must seek to build on this success.

**5. David Melding (South Wales Central)**

Add a new bullet point at end of motion:

The National Assembly for Wales acknowledges the vital role S4C has played in Welsh language television in Wales and recognises the need to safeguard, protect and enhance Welsh language broadcasting.

## **6. David Melding (South Wales Central)**

Add a new bullet point at end of motion:

The National Assembly for Wales recognises the need to make strong representations to OFCOM to maintain a vibrant ITV Wales which is capable of delivering comprehensive news services and non-news programming.

## **7. David Melding (South Wales Central)**

Add a new bullet point at end of motion:

The National Assembly believes that a designated Public Service Publisher in Wales would be beneficial given the devolved nature of much of Welsh public life.

**A vote was taken:**

### **Amendment 1**

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

### **Amendment 2**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

### **Amendment 3**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

### **Amendment 4**

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

**Amendment 4 was defeated**

**Amendment 5**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

**Amendment 5 was defeated**

**Amendment 6**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

**Amendment 6 was defeated**

**Amendment 7**

For 16; Abstain 9; Against 30; Total 55

**Amendment 7 was defeated**

**The motion,**

For 54; Abstain 0; Against 1; Total 55

**The motion was carried**

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***Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes***

**4.04pm**

**Debate on the Annual Report of the Standards Committee**

**NDM2318 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 6.6 and 16.1, notes the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards of Conduct 2003-2004, which was laid in the Table Office on 22 February 2005.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 36; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 36

**The motion was carried**

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**Motion to amend Standing Order 16**

NDM2319 Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and Standing Order 37:

- 1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 23rd February; and
- 2. Approves the amendments to Standing Orders set out in the Report.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**  
 For 40; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 40  
**The motion was carried**

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**4.22pm**  
**Short Debate**

**NDM2320 Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Childcare Provision in Wales**

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**The meeting concluded at 4.51pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 8th March 2005**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

Health and Social Services Committee Report of Review of The Interface Between Health and Social Care - LD3548

Supplementary budget for the financial years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 - LD3547

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales) Regulations 2005-Regulatory Appraisal - LD3546

The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2005-Regulatory Appraisal - LD3545

The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) Regulations 2005-Memorandum of Corrections - LD3544

The Radioactive Substances (National Security)(Wales) Direction 2005 - LD3543