

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 February 2006.]

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Tuesday 7 March 2006

- **Motion to elect a member to the Local Government Partnership Council (1 min)**
- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25(1 min)**
- **The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006**

The purpose of these Regulations is to give effect to a number of new Commission transitional and implementing measures made under EC Regulation 882/2004. The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006 will revoke and replace the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2005. The remade Regulations will also reflect changes in other domestic legislation that are referred to in the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2005.

- **Motion to approve The Local Government (Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**

This Order revokes and replaces The Local Government (Whole Authority Analyses

and Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2002 (SI 2002 No.886 (W.101)). It will:

- change the deadline for the publication of Local Authority Improvement Plans from 30 June each year to 31 October each year;
- change the deadline for the publication of the Auditor's report relating to an authority's improvement plan to 30 November each year; and
- remove the requirement for local authorities to conduct a whole authority analysis once every five years.

The above legislative changes are required to make the legal requirements for local authorities in Wales consistent with the revised Wales Programme for Improvement Guidance to local authorities on which the Assembly Government consulted between 29 April and 1 September 2005. This legislative change will implement a distinct Welsh policy as, in England, local authorities are required to publish their best value performance plans on 31 March each year.

Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (10 mins)

- **Motion to approve the Government of Further Education Corporations (Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations will revoke three Statutory Instruments:

- The Coleg Menai (Government) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1450);
- The Education (Government of Further Education Corporations) (Former Sixth Form Colleges) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1957); and
- The Education (Government of Further Education Corporations) (Former Further Education Colleges) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1963).

The Regulations also revoke the prescribed initial Instruments and Articles of Government for Further Education Corporations. These initial Instruments and Articles of Government for Further Education Corporations in Wales will then be replaced by a new set of Instruments and Articles of Government, which will be brought into force by the Further Education Corporations (Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government) (Wales) Order 2006 made under Standing Order 29. The Regulations listed were revoked in relation to England by S.I. 2002/1094. They will cease to have effect in relation to Wales following the making of this SI.

- **Motion to approve The Further Education Corporations (Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 29.3(iii)**

This Order brings into force a new set of Instruments and Articles of

Government for Further Education Corporations in Wales. The new Instrument and Articles, which have been prepared at the request of the Further Education sector, will consolidate previous modifications, aid transparency, reflect good practice in governance and take account of legislative changes. The revised Instrument and Articles will also replace references to the Further Education Funding Council of Wales and the National Council for Education and Training in Wales (ELWa) with the "National Assembly for Wales" to take account of the forthcoming merger.

- **Motion to approve The Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information; General Medical Services and Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2006 under Standing Order 29.3 (iii) (10 mins)**

These Directions will require Local Health Boards (LHBs) to comply with the Code of Practice on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information, which was issued as guidance to LHBs on 13 October 2005, and will take account of issues around patient confidentiality, data protection and freedom of information. The Directions will give legislative status to the guidance.

- **Motion to approve The Feeding Stuffs and the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations transpose:

- Commission Directive 2005/6/EC of 26 January 2005, which amends Directive 71/250/EC with regards to reporting and interpretation of analytical results required under Directive 2002/32/EC;
- Commission Directive 2005/7/EC of 27 January 2005, which amends Directive 2002/70/EC, establishing requirements for the determination of levels of dioxins and dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in feeding stuffs; and
- Commission Directive 2005/8/EC of 27 January 2005, which amends Annex 1 to Directive 2002/20/EC of the European Parliament and Council, on undesirable substances in animal feed.

- **Motion to approve The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, revoke and remake with amendments the TSE (Wales) Regulations 2002. They will continue to enforce obligations under EC Regulation 999/2001 and will consolidate and update the existing Welsh legislation and reduce repetition of powers in the Regulations.

- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

- **Debate on the use of B&B`s for the homeless (60 mins)**
- **Motion to approve the Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**

This Order will require local authorities to consider the health and social needs of a vulnerable homeless person when deciding on the suitability of the accommodation to offer to homeless people in discharge of their duties. The Instrument will also restrict the length of time local authorities can place homeless people in Bed and Breakfast (B&B) establishments, and will impose a higher physical standard for all forms of temporary accommodation.

Wednesday 8 March 2006

- **Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (30 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Health & Social Services: The new dental contract (30 mins)**
- **Debate on School Discipline (60 mins)**
- **Short debate postponed from 25 January 2006: Tamsin Dunwoody (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Old Relics, New Business: Archaeological and Historical (30 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 14 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport: The Welsh Assembly Government`s response to the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee`s report entitled `Dance in Wales: A Review` (30 mins)**

The report was debated in Plenary on 24 January 2006

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 to the First Minister (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Commencement No.1 and Savings)(Wales) Order 2006**

This Commencement Order will bring into force provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 relating to the repeal of local authority waste disposal contracting-out requirements, the extension of waste collection authorities' powers of investigation and a change to the appeals system relating to contaminated land. It also brings into force other provisions of the 2005 Act to the extent (and only to the extent) that those provisions enable the National Assembly for Wales to make, give or issue subordinate legislation. The Order also makes a saving in connection with the above-mentioned waste disposal contracting-out provision.

- **The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These amending Regulations are required to amend errors which have been identified by UK officials and the EU Commission. The milk quotas regime is governed by EU legislation, which is transposed into domestic legislation through the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations (DPQR) for each of the 4 UK administrations. These Regulations correct errors and omissions in The Dairy Produce Quota (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S. I. number 537(W.47)) and apply to the current quota year (2005-2006). Regulations are being brought forward by the other UK countries to address the same errors in their current equivalent Regulations.

- **Motion to approve The Revenue Support Grant (Specified Bodies) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The intended effect of this Instrument is to remove Syniad and the Public Private Partnerships Programme Limited (the "4Ps") from the list of specified bodies that receive revenue support grant and to add the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). This will allow the WLGA to receive revenue support grant in accordance with Sections 84E, 84F and 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Section 84E provides that revenue support grant may be paid to a specified body, being a body which provides services for local authorities and is specified in Regulations.

- **Motion to approve the Local Road Safety Grant for 2006-07 (10 mins)**

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30mins)**
- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

Wednesday 15 March 2006

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development and Transport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, Trefnydd in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Huw Lewis` Standing Order 31 motion (60 mins)**

Standing Order 31 allows Assembly Members, other than Ministers, to make proposals for subordinate legislation. This motion proposes that the National Assembly for Wales supports in principle legislation to amend the General Medical Services Contract to require from GPs an annual health review for looked after children.

- **Debate on Primary Legislation Proposals in accordance with SO33.11 (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 minutes)**

Tuesday 21 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Brucellosis (Wales) Order 2006**
- **The Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (Wales) Order 2006**
- **Motion to approve The Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales)**

Regulations 2006 (10 mins)

- **Motion to approve The Education Act 2002 (Commencement No9 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Single Education Plan (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**
- **Welsh Liberal Democrat nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (45 mins)**

Wednesday 22 March 2006

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Wales: A Vibrant Economy (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Report of the Government of Wales Bill Committee (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**