

## VOTES & PROCEEDINGS

**The Session commenced at 9.05am**

### **Item 1 Oral Questions to Jenny Randerson, Minister for Culture & Sport**

Under Standing Order 6.3, the Minister for Assembly Business answered the questions. The first 6 questions were answered. Question 5 was withdrawn.

**9:25 am**

### **Item 2**

#### **Oral Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs**

The first 6 questions were answered. Question 1 was withdrawn.

**9.44am**

### **Item 3**

#### **Oral Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Assembly Business on his responsibilities other than for business**

The first 8 questions were answered. Question 1 was not asked and questions 2 & 3 were withdrawn.

**10.01am**

### **Item 4**

**Statement:** The Minister for the Environment on the Dunlop Factory at Brynmawr.

**10.51am**

### **Item 5**

#### **Debate on the Local Government Act**

*NDM705 To propose that the National Assembly:*

- 1.** Welcomes the provisions of the Assembly Local Government Bill which establishes a new ethical framework for local government.
- 2.** Endorses the general principles and codes of conduct for members and employees of local

authorities.

3. Supports the new investigatory functions proposed for the Commissioner for Local Administration in Wales and the establishment of an independent Adjudication Panel.
4. Supports the requirement for local authorities to establish standards committees.

***The following amendments were selected:***

***Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East);***

*Delete Points 1 and 2, and replace with new point 1 that reads:*

"Notes the provisions of the Assembly Local Government Bill that outlines the general principles for a new ethical framework for local government in Wales, together with codes of conduct for members and employees of local authorities."

***Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);***

*In point 1 delete 'welcomes' and replace with 'notes'*

***Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);***

*Add as new bullet point 4 and renumber remaining points accordingly:*

"Calls on the Commissioner for Local Administration in Wales (CLAW) to investigate the possibility of establishing an independent Audit Manager in each local authority."

***Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)***

*Add a new point which reads:*

"Regrets the lack of specification that Standard Committees should have a majority of non-elected members, together with a non-elected Committee Chair, and calls upon the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities to introduce this stipulation at the first opportunity."

***Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East)***

*Add a new point which reads:*

"Regrets the power to grant dispensations to both elected and co-opted members rests with the Standards Committee, not with the full Council."

***Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);***

*Add as new bullet point at the end:*

"Notes the importance of local councillors declaring membership of the freemasons."

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 5; Abstain 0; Against 32; Total 37

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 14; Abstain 0; Against 23; Total 37

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 15; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 41

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4**

For 5; Abstain 0; Against 36; Total 41

**Amendment 4 was defeated**

**Amendment 5**

For 5; Abstain 0; Against 36; Total 41

**Amendment 5 was defeated**

**Amendment 6**

For 11; Abstain 5; Against 26; Total 42

## **Amendment 6 was defeated**

### **The motion**

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

### **The motion was carried**

**11.33am**

#### **Item 6**

#### ***Composite Motion to approve the following orders:***

*NDM706 To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:*

**1. Approves **The Conduct of Members (Principles) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and**

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order **The Conduct of Members (Principles) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**2. Approves **The Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and**

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order **The Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**3. Approves **The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and**

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order **The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**4. Approves **The Adjudications by Case Tribunals and Interim Case Tribunal (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and**

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for

concern in the draft order The Adjudications by Case Tribunals and Interim Case Tribunal (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**5. Approves The Code of Conduct (Non Qualifying Local Government Employees) (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Code of Conduct (Non Qualifying Local Government Employees) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**6. Approves The Code of Conduct (Qualifying Local Government Employees) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Code of Conduct (Qualifying Local Government Employees) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**7. Approves The Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in Table Office on 13 June 2001.

**8. Approves The Local Commissioner in Wales (Standards Investigations) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Commissioner in Wales (Standards Investigations) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**9. Approves The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**10. Approves The Commission for Local Administration in Wales & Local Commissioner**

**in Wales (Functions and Expenses) Regulations 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Commission for Local Administration in Wales & Local Commissioner in Wales (Functions and Expenses) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 12 June 2001.

**A vote was taken:**

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

**The composite motion was carried**

**11.34am**

**Item 7**

**Short Debate: *NDM704* Janet Davies (South Wales West); Jobs for All**

**The session concluded at 12.04pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**2.00pm on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 19 June 2001**

The NHS (General Dental Services) (Amendments) (No2) (Wales) Regulations 2001 LD889

The Local Government Elections (Wales) Order 2001 LD891

Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 LD890

The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.6) (Wales) Order 2001 LD888

The Plant Health (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2001 LD887

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 18 June 2001**

National Assembly for Wales: European Affairs Committee 2000-2001 Report - LD885

Cabinet Response to the Audit Committee Report 01-02: Accommodation for the National Assembly for Wales - LD886