

BUSINESS PAPERS

Part 1- Section E

WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF OPINION TABLED ON

9 November 1999

R Signifies the Member has declared an interest

OPIN-1999-0007 Jubilee 2000 and the G8 Conference

Raised by Cynog Dafis, Val Feld, Christine Humphreys and David Melding on 08 Jun 1999

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The National Assembly for Wales declares its support for Jubilee 2000's campaign for the write-off of poor countries' debt and calls upon the Group of 8 countries at their Cologne meeting to respond positively to the Jubilee 2000 demands, bearing in mind that there is every justification for writing off such debts in order to reduce poverty and suffering and to build a just, sustainable and secure global community.

OPIN-1999-0022 City Status for Newport

Raised by John Griffiths LLB on 08 July 1999

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The National Assembly for Wales recognises the strength of Newport's bid for city status. The

Assembly believes Newport should be granted city status and wishes to place on the record its support for Newport's bid.

OPIN-1999-0023 British Sign Language (BSL)

09 Jul 1999 Raised by
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28 Subscribers

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Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley

Sue Essex – Cardiff North

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Huw Lewis – Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Janice Gregory – Ogmere
David Rhys Lloyd – South Wales West
Alison Halford - Delyn
Val Feld - Swansea East
John Marek - Wrexham
Alun Cairns - South Wales West
Janet Ryder - North Wales
Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli
Lorraine Barrett - Cardiff South and Penarth
Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Geraint Davies - Rhondda
Glyn Davies - Mid and West Wales
William Graham JP - South Wales East
Jonathan Morgan - South Wales Central
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Christine Humphreys - North Wales

Karen Sinclair - Clwyd South
Pauline Jarman - South Wales Central
Kirsty Williams - Brecon and Radnorshire
Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East
Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central
Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire

The Assembly notes 4,000 people attended the British Sign Language (BSL) march in London on 27 June. Despite European legislation passed 10 years ago, the Government has not recognised BSL users as a linguistic minority although 62,000 people in the UK use BSL as their first language.

The Assembly hopes that BSL receives official recognition, as this will give deaf people equal access to information, health care and employment opportunities in their preferred language. It will entitle Deaf children to the quality of education that hearing children enjoy and allow them to develop their own language skills during their formative years.

OPIN-1999-0034 Nantygwyddon Landfil Site

Raised on 16 Sep 1999 by Geraint Davies - Rhondda[R]

24 Subscribers

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Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East

Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Brian Hancock Islwyn[R]

Phil Williams - South Wales East

David Davies - Monmouth

Peter Rogers - North Wales

Gareth Jones - Conwy

Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales

Ieuan Wyn Jones - Ynys Mon

Christine Humphreys - North Wales

Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central

Peter Black - South Wales West
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Pauline Jarman - South Wales Central[R]
David Melding - South Wales Central
Janet Ryder - North Wales
Janet Davies - South Wales West
Jonathan Morgan - South Wales Central
Owen John Thomas MA - South Wales Central

This assembly calls for an establishment of a full inquiry into Nantygwyddon Landfill site. The inquiry will investigate the siting, design, construction, management (both technical and financial) and health problems surrounding the site.

OPIN-1999-0048 Teacher Training

21 Oct 1999 Raised by

Gareth Jones, John Marek, Jonathan Morgan, Jenny Randerson

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Michael German – South Wales East

Janet Ryder – North Wales

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

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Kirsty Williams – Brecon & Radnorshire

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Rhodri Glyn Thomas – Carmarthen & East Dinefwr

This Assembly believes there is a serious crisis in recruitment to secondary teacher training in Wales which is endangering the supply of high quality teachers to our secondary schools and so calls for a co-ordinated programme of action developed in Wales and relevant to specific needs of Wales to reverse this trend and build on the potential that exists in Wales.

OPIN-1999-0049 Credit Union Movement

21 Oct 1999 Raised by

Lorraine Barrett, Peter Black, Jocelyn Davies, John Griffiths LLB

12 Subscribers:

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Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

Brian Hancock - Islwyn

Janet Ryder – North Wales

Owen John Thomas – South Wales Central

Ron Davies - Caerphilly

Mick Bates – Montgomeryshire

Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire

Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarthen & East Dinefwr

Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Carwyn Jones – Bridgend

The National Assembly wishes today on International Credit Union Day (October 21 1999) to celebrate the Credit Union movement by supporting the contribution it makes to the economic

and social life of Wales. The National Assembly for Wales will help launch its latest reports today. We call on members of the Assembly to support the main recommendations in the reports to ensure the continued evolution of the credit union movement in Wales. We wish the credit union movement in Wales continued success and hope to see it play a major part in the continued development of Welsh life.

OPIN-1999-0052 Blood Donation

Raised on 3 November by

Carwyn Jones Bridgend

5 Subscribers

Richard Edwards – Preseli - Pembrokeshire

Brian Hancock - Islwyn

Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

Nick Bourne – Mid & West Wales

The Assembly recognises the importance of blood donation to the National Health Service and calls on members to give blood when they can.