

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**PART 2 – SECTION H**

**RECORD OF VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> November 1999**

**The session commenced at 2pm**

The Presiding Officer made a statement on the revised voting procedures.

**Election to Equality of Opportunities Committee**

To propose that the Assembly, resolves to replace with immediate effect Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru) with Gareth Jones (Plaid Cymru) on the Equality of Opportunity Committee.

A vote was taken; the results are:

For 43  
Against 0  
Abstain 0  
Total 43

Gareth Jones was duly elected.

**2.04pm**

**Questions to Rosemary Butler, Secretary for Education and Children**

The first 3 questions were reached (the Assembly Secretary grouped question 6 with question 2).

**2.25pm**

**Questions to Christine Gwyther, Secretary for Agriculture & Rural Development**

The first 4 questions were reached.

**Point of Order**

Carwyn Jones raised a point of order under SO 7.8(v) following Kirsty Williams' use of the word "he" in her question to the Secretary for Agriculture & Rural Development

**2.47pm**

**Statement by the Economic Development Secretary**

The Economic Development Secretary made a statement on Anglesey Power Station

**2.58pm**

## **Consolidated Pesticide Regulations**

That the Assembly, acting in accordance with Standing Order 22.33 approves the draft of The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels In Crops, Food And Feeding Stuff) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 a copy of which was laid in the Table Office and distributed to Members on Friday 5 November 1999.

A vote was taken; the results were:

For 42  
Against 0  
Abstain 0  
Total 42

The draft regulations were approved

**3.23pm**

## **Debate on Preliminary Budget**

That the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.2. takes note of the preliminary draft budget for the financial years 2000-01, 2001-2002 and 2002-03, laid in the Table Office on Thursday 4 November by the Finance Secretary, Edwina Hart.

**The following amendments were selected:**

### **Amendment 1: Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon)**

**After Assembly in Line 1 add:**

regrets that the draft budget fails to provide funding for certain key proposals recommended by Assembly committees and others; notes that attempts to revitalise Wales are frustrated by the deficiencies of the Barnett formula, UK government policies on public expenditure, interest rates and the European structural funds; recognises that the implementation of the additionality principle and provision of adequate match funding would go some way towards counteracting these difficulties and calls upon the First Secretary to make representations to the UK government in this regard, and

### **Amendment 2: Peter Black (South Wales West) R**

**Add at end :**

That in considering further the preliminary draft budget the Assembly Committees and Executives should have regards to the need to reduce class sizes for 7 - 11 year olds, reduce the backlog of school maintenance and reduce waiting times for health services

### **Amendment 3: Glyn Davies (Mid & West Wales) R**

**After the sentence ending "Edwina Hart." add:**

"However, this Assembly regrets that:

- resources for NHS Trusts and Health Authorities will be cut by £4.7 million at a time when these bodies are experiencing severe financial difficulties;
- insufficient funds will be allocated to help new entrants into farming; and,
- the £15 million set aside from the *Pathways to Prosperity Fund* for use as Objective One match funding is not additional money, but cash diverted from an existing fund that has already been earmarked."

### **Amendment 4: Michael German (South Wales East) & Nick Bourne (Mid & West Wales)**

**Add at the end:**

Calls on the U.K. Government to allocate additional and new money to the National Assembly for Wales over and above the allocation provided by the Barnett Formula to enable the Assembly to draw down fully the available Objective One funds in 2000-01 and future years.

A vote was taken; the results were:

#### **Amendment 1:**

For 30  
Against 0  
Abstain 23  
Total 53

The amendment was carried.

#### **Amendment 2**

For 30  
Against 0  
Abstain 23  
Total 53

The amendment was carried.

### **Amendment 3**

For 24  
Against 0  
Abstain 29  
Total 53

The amendment was carried.

### **Amendment 4**

For 30  
Against 0  
Abstain 23  
Total 53

The amendment was carried.

### **The motion, as amended:**

For 45  
Against 8  
Abstain 0  
Total 53

The motion, as amended, was carried.

**The session concluded at 5.25pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at  
2.00 pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 1999**

## **Petition received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1999**

A petition was received from the Countryside Alliance; the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (Wales); the Farmers Union of Wales; the National Farmers Union (Wales); and the Country Landowners Association (Wales).

The full text of the petition reads:

### "Letter of Petition

The Countryside Alliance, Country Landowners Association (Wales), National Farmers Union, the Farmers Union of Wales and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation represent 1 million members. The Welsh supporters, many of whom have walked through the heart of Wales to a new Parliament, at the National Assembly for Wales, come to express their increasing concerns that rural opinion is not being heard and individual liberty is threatened.

These rural issues encompass many interrelated areas such as agriculture, the right-to-roam, rural investment, social exclusion, unnecessary restrictive laws on shooting and the touch-paper for the demonstration today, the threat to hunting.

The people of Wales care deeply for their countryside and wish it to be a living heritage for future generations. We demand therefore, that of those elected to govern our "One Nation" do so with understanding and tolerance. We, who represent the Countryside, present ourselves on the doorstep of the Government in Wales, with a clear message also for the Government of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; that when faced with deciding on the priorities for rural Britain, you must:

"Choose Livelihood".

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

