

**Plenary Session 2001 – 2002 (24)**

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2001**

## **VOTES & PROCEEDINGS**

**The Session commenced at 9.05am**

### **Questions to the First Minister on Economic Development**

The first 7 questions were answered

**9.26am**

### **Finance Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities**

The first 4 questions were answered

**9.48am**

### **Questions to Jenny Randerson, Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh Language – *deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001***

The first 7 questions were answered

**10.12am**

### **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs – *deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001***

The first 20 questions were answered. Questions 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 were withdrawn. Question 6 was not asked.

**10.33am**

### **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Assembly Business – *deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001***

The first 13 questions were answered. Questions 2, 3, 6, 12 and 13 were withdrawn. Questions 1 and 8 were not asked.

**10.53am**

## **The First Minister made a statement on The Strategic Plan**

**11.32am**

**Point of Order:**

**Alun Pugh** under Standing Order 14 regarding comments made by a witness giving evidence to The Culture Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2001. The Presiding Officer said that it was not for him to give guidance on the content of evidence to Committees. He was aware that the Panel of Chairs kept the matter under review.

**11.41am**

***The Minister for Assembly Business proposed a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following item:***

***A vote was taken***

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 41

***The procedural motion was carried***

**11.42am**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair**

**Approval of The Milk Marketing Board (Residuary Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001**

*NNDM801* To propose that the National Assembly:

Acting under Standing Order 23.10

Approves the draft The Milk Marketing Board (Residuary Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 17 October 2001.

***A vote was taken***

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 41

***The motion was carried***

**11.44am**

**Approval of the Local Government Elections (Wales) Order 2001 – deferred from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001**

*NDM797* To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Local Government Elections (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 19 June 2001.

***The following amendments were tabled:***

**1. William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete the "." after 19 June 2001 and inserts ", and in doing so recognises that voter fatigue accelerates the non-participation of the electorate in democratic elections".

**2. William Graham (South Wales East)**

Insert a new sentence after "19 June 2001." that reads "The electorate in Wales voted their County, County Borough and Community councillors to an agreed and specified four year term of office. It is wholly undemocratic to disregard this decision for the proposed reasons and without a wider consultation with the people.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

*For 9; Abstain 8; Against 29; Total 46*

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

*For 9; Abstain 8; Against 29; Total 46*

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**The principle of the Order**

*For 28; Abstain 0; Against 17; Total 45*

**The principle of the Order was carried**

*NDM798* To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of

the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Local Government Elections (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 3 July 2001 and approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 19 June 2001, the Memorandum Of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 9 July 2001 and the supplemental Memorandum of Corrections laid in Table Office on 16 October 2001.

**A vote was taken on the Order**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 17; Total 46

***The Order was approved***

**12.19pm**

**Approval of Local Government Finance Report on the Education of Asylum Seekers**

**NDM799** To propose that the National Assembly:

Under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act, 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.8, approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 15) (Wales) 2001 which was laid in the Table Office on 17 October 2001.

**A vote was taken:**

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 41

***The motion was carried***

**12.34pm**

**Short Debate:**

**NDM796 Karen Sinclair; Hospices in Wales**

**The session concluded at 12.54pm**

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

**2.00pm on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2001**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

*Due to a technical problem, it has not been possible to list documents laid since the Assembly last met. The Votes & Proceedings for 30<sup>th</sup> October will reflect all documents laid since 22<sup>nd</sup> October.*