

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 1st March 2005.]

Tuesday 8 March & Wednesday 9 March 2005

Tuesday 15 March & Wednesday 16 March 2005

Recess 21 March 2005 – 8 April 2005

Tuesday 12 April & Wednesday 13 April 2005

Tuesday 8 March 2005

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (Commencement No2 and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2005**

The Commencement Order No. 2 brings into force, from 1 April 2005, all of the provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (with the exception of section 54 (1) to (5)) not commenced on Royal Assent or by the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (Commencement No.1) Order 2005. The first Commencement Order was approved by the National Assembly on 18 January 2005 and came into force on 31 January.

- **The Products of Animal Origin (3rd Country Imports)(Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations revoke and remake, with changes the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales)

Regulations 2004 for reasons of clarity and introduce amendments to give effect to recent changes to EU import requirements.

- **The Diseases of Animals) (Approved Disinfectants) (Amendment)(Wales) Order 2005**

These Regulations update the list of approved disinfectants through an amendment to the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 (as last amended in 2001) for reasons of clarity and introduce amendments to give effect to recent changes to the list of disinfectants put forward by the industry. The approved disinfectants are to be used in the control of specific animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth, Swine Vesicular disease, Bovine TB and diseases of Poultry such as Avian Influenza.

- **The Salmonella in Laying Flocks (Survey Powers) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

The making of these Regulations is necessary to enforce a survey of laying hens, provides power of entry and related powers for the purpose of carrying out a survey to ascertain levels of zoonotic (bacterium, virus, parasites or other communicable agents) Salmonella within laying flocks of domestic fowl.

- **The Community Health Councils (Amendment) Regulations 2005**

The intended effect of these Regulations is to tighten up membership terms and provide greater flexibility as well as requiring Community Health Councils to adopt a complaints procedure.

- **The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations, which are made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, consolidate and amend The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/897 (W.103)). They do not introduce any distinct Welsh provisions because the milk quota regime is a UK wide scheme. The Regulations implement certain corrective changes required to implement European legislation, in particular on the method of calculating the butterfat levy and setting deadlines for receipt rather than despatch of documents, a requirement to keep records of feeding regimes; omitting milk destroyed off farm from the levy calculation; and providing for quota holders to take quota they

have purchased in their own right with them at the end of a tenancy

Proposal to debate the following 2 items together with separate votes (45 mins):

- **Motion to approve the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2005.**

Local authorities are required to charge residents for residential accommodation, whether directly provided or arranged with an independent home, with the aim of recovering as much as possible of the costs. The assessment of a person's ability to pay for accommodation is laid down in the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1992. The Welsh Assembly Government has made a commitment to restore the capital limits for means testing to their 1996 real term value and to keep them under review. Limits are now reviewed annually to ensure they remain broadly in line with inflation. The intended effect of the amendment to these Regulations is to increase the capital limits for means testing in line with inflation for the upper limit from £20,500 to £21,000 and by a significantly higher amount of 9.2% for the lower limit from £13,500 to £14,750. They also reflect changes to income-related benefits from April 2005, which are linked to these Regulations.

- **Motion to approve the National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirement) (Wales) Regulations 2005.**

Local authorities are required to charge residents for residential accommodation, whether directly provided or arranged with an independent home, with the aim of recovering as much as possible of the costs. The assessment of a person's ability to pay for accommodation is laid down in The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1992. The effect of the amendment to the National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) Regulations is to increase the weekly sum, which local authorities are to assume that residents in residential or nursing care will need for their personal requirements, from £18.40 to £19.10 from 2005-06.

Proposal to debate the following 2 items together with separate votes (30 mins):

- **Motion to approve The Local Government Best Value Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2005.**

This Order sets the 22 statutory performance indicators that unitary authorities will be required to collect from April 2005 and publish in their Improvement Plans.

- **Motion to approve The Local Government Best Value Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2002 (Revocation) Order 2005.**

This Order revokes the Local Government (Best Value Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2002 that set the 89 statutory indicators that unitary authorities in Wales have been required to collect from 2002 and publish in their Improvement Plans.

- Motion to approve The Radioactive Substances (National Security) (Wales) Directions 2005 under Standing Order 29 (15 mins)

In the context of the increased threat of terrorism, these Directions are necessary to

restrict information associated with the location of radioactive materials from being

placed in the public domain. "

- **Motion to approve the Supplementary Budget (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve end year MEG to MEG under Standing Order 21.6 (15 mins)**
- **Motion to approve a Special Grant Report No 6 (Wales) 2004 : Additional School Revenue (15 mins)**

This Special Grant Report will distribute additional revenue funding to all Local Education Authorities in Wales for the purpose of improving school standards, in particular by helping primary schools to reduce or maintain a reduction in the size of Key Stage 2 classes; supporting low performing schools; and providing support to head teachers with significant teaching commitments.

Wednesday 9 March 2005

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health and Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport (30 mins)**

- **House Committee Questions (5 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning: The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Children's Commissioner Report (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 Section 3 The Income Generation Powers of Special Health Authorities Directions 2005 (5 mins)**

These Directions, which relate to England and Wales, make provisions in relation to the exercise of income generation powers as set out in section 7 of the Health and Medicines Act 1988 by cross-border Special Health Authorities.

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Children's Act 2004 to the First Minister (20 mins)**
- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 3 (5 mins).**
- **Debate on the Health and Social Services Committee's Policy Review Report on the Interface between Health and Social Care (60 mins)**

Following publication of the Review of Health and Social Care in Wales in June 2003 (*the Wanless Report*), the Health and Social Services Committee decided to undertake a policy review of the interface between health and social care. The aims of the review were to evaluate the effectiveness of joint working and co-operation between the health and social care services; to identify good practice and to offer recommendations to improve joint working and co-operation between the key agencies.

- **Motion(s) to approve determinations in respect of the Senior Salaries Review Board Recommendations (10 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 15 March 2005

- **Motion to elect a Planning Decision Committee (1 min)**
- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services)**

(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (15 mins)

These Regulations further amend the National Health Services (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/662); this regulates the terms on which pharmaceutical services are provided under the National Health Service Act 1977. These Regulations establish a new Pharmacy Contract framework which is key to developing new initiatives in community pharmacy. It is anticipated that community pharmacies will provide a greater range of services and be rewarded for quality and not just the volume of prescriptions dispensed.

The new contract will enable community pharmacies to contribute to NHS service provision for patients, provide a more rewarding and stimulating working environment for the profession and reduce the burden of work currently carried by GPs.

- Slot reserved for subordinate legislation considered by the Business Committee at its meeting on 1 March 2005. (140 mins)

Wednesday 16 March 2005

- **Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Clywch (60 mins)**

The purpose of this debate is to provide the National Assembly with an opportunity to debate the progress which has taken place in considering and implementing the Children's Commissioner's recommendations contained in his Clywch Report

- Debate on The Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales and Order (60 mins)
- Short debate (30 mins)

Tuesday 12 April 2005

- First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)
- Business Statement (10 mins)
- Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)
- The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Wales) Regulations 2005

These Regulations provide enforcement authorities (local authorities) with powers to enforce European Community trade requirements and take account of the recent enlargement of the EU. They implement EU provisions relating to intra-Community trade in live animals and genetic material (semen, ova and embryos). They also implement EU provisions relating to imports of live animals from non-EU countries. They revoke and re-enact the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (45 mins)**
- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Orders relating to Assembly Standards Procedures (5 mins)**
- **Motion to appoint the new Independent Adviser on Standards under Standing Order 16.3 (10 mins)**

Wednesday 13 April 2005

- **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, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Primary Legislation bids (90 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**