

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 24th May 2005.]

Recess 30 May to 3 June 2005

Tuesday 7 June & Wednesday 8 June 2005

Tuesday 14 June & Wednesday 15 June 2005

Tuesday 21 June & Wednesday 22 June 2005

Tuesday 7 June 2005

- **Motions to elect Members to Committees (5 mins)**
- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The National Assembly for Wales (Social Services Explanations) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations will enable the Assembly to require prescribed persons to provide explanations of any documents or information that it has obtained in the exercise of its social services review and investigation functions under the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003.

- **The Education (Disapplication of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 1) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations provide for the disapplication of the National Curriculum for Wales for pupils at maintained schools who are in the first Key Stage and who are participating in the Foundation Phase Pilot.

- **Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate votes (45 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations will extend the national framework for adoption support services in Wales, that was introduced on 1 October 2004, to specify the services that are to be provided by local authorities as adoption support services and the arrangements for nomination by authorities of a 'key worker' to support adoptive families. They stipulate how the duty to carry out an assessment for adoption support services is to be discharged; the procedure for so doing; the preparation of an adoption support plan where the decision is to provide support services and arrangements to review provision of any adoption support services. Provision is made about recovery of expenses between authorities and as to the circumstances where financial support may be paid to adopters, the process for determining the amount and payment arrangements, reviews of payments and keeping of records. The Regulations revoke the Adoption Allowance Regulations 1991 in relation to Wales, as well as the Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2004.

- **Motion to approve The Special Guardianship (Wales) Regulations 2005** These Regulations implement in Wales the new legal status of special guardianship, to provide permanence for those children for whom adoption is not appropriate and to make provision for a range of services to support special guardianship orders. A special guardian of a child has sole parental responsibility for the child.
- **Motion to approve The Adoption Support Agency (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations will implement that part of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, which makes new provision to regulate independent adoption support providers as 'Adoption Support Agencies' (ASAs) to ensure that services are provided to a high standard and by those suitably qualified and experienced to meet adoption-related needs. It is also the objective that in addition to local authorities and voluntary adoption agencies (VAAs), others wishing to provide birth records counselling to adopted adults will be able to register as ASAs for this specific purpose. ASAs will

also have a role to play in facilitating contact between adopted adults and their birth relatives.

Regulation of the currently unregulated independent adoption support service sector will seek to stop unsuitable or unqualified providers from offering services to those seeking to adopt or affected by adoption, in addition to driving up standards in overall service provision.

Organisations (profit and non-profit making) providing adoption support services as their business or profession will be required to apply for registration as ASAs to the National Assembly for Wales. Some of the main providers of adoption support services such as local authorities and VAAs are exempt from registering as they are already regulated through other means. However, it is the intention that in the future all providers of adoption support services will have to meet similar standards to ensure a coherent and fair system for both service users and providers.

- **Welsh Liberal Democrat nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under The Education Act 2005 to the First Minister (15 mins)**

Wednesday 8 June 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)**
- **Motion(s) to revoke any existing delegation of functions to the First Minister under sections 70(4) and 71(2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998; the Data Protection Act 1998, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and; to delegate functions as appropriate to the First Minister, to the House Committee and to staff of the Assembly under sections 70 (4) and 71 (2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998; the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ; the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Data Protection Act 1998 (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the outcome of the consultation on the policy of the ASPB merger (105 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 14 June 2005

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh language and Sport : The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee's Report on the contribution of Arts and Sports to community regeneration (30 mins)**

The Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee undertook a policy review on the contribution of Arts and Sport to Community Regeneration. The Report considers

- the links between arts policy, sport policy, and community regeneration policy;
- how local arts and sports projects can contribute to community regeneration;
- support mechanisms for community regeneration-related arts and sport projects;
- best practice in community regeneration-related arts and sport projects
- recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government .

A debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee undertook a policy review on the contribution of Arts and Sport to Community Regeneration took place in Plenary on 26 April 2005.

- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on a Standing Order 31 motion (NNDM 2453) tabled by Christine Chapman AM (30 mins)**

This motion proposes that the National Assembly for Wales support in principle subordinate legislation to require local authorities , as part of their corporate parenting responsibilities, to provide an annual contribution to the Child Trust Funds of children looked after by them.

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Wednesday 15 June 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 , Trefnydd, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the First Minister`s Annual Report 2004/2005 (90 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 21 June 2005

- **First Minister`s Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning : The Welsh Assembly Government`s response to the Education and Lifelong Learning`s Report on School Transport (30 mins)**

The Report focuses on the provision of transport to and from school by bus and makes a number of recommendations for the Welsh Assembly Government, local authorities and bus operators. The main aim of these recommendations is to improve safety but a number of other issues are also addressed, including procurement, security and quality of provision. The report was debated in Plenary on 3 May 2005.

- **Debate on the Older People draft Bill (90 mins)**

Tuesday 22 June 2005

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside (30 mins)**

- **Motion to delegate functions under The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2005 to the First Minister (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Rees Review (90 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**