

## Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004.]

Tuesday 18 January 2005 & Wednesday 19 January 2005

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### Tuesday 18 January 2005

- Motion to elect Members to the Business Committee (1 min)
- Motion to elect Members to the House Committee (1 min)
- Motion(s) to elect Members to various subject committees (1 min)
- Motion to elect Members to the Standards Committee (1 min)
- First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)
- Business Statement (10 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration : The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Equality of Opportunity Committee's Report on Mainstreaming Equality in the work of the National Assembly for Wales (30 mins) The review was a response to the Committee's function of auditing the National Assembly's statutory responsibility for promoting equality. The National Assembly for Wales debated the Equality of Opportunity Committee's Report in Plenary on 10 November 2004.
- Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)
- The General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Order 2005

The Order will amend the General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) Order 2000 which requires the General Teaching Council for Wales (GTCW) to maintain records relating to specified categories of persons other than registered teachers, e.g. persons currently barred or suspended from teaching. The amendments made by this Order mirror those in the proposed General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, requiring the Council to indicate the date on which a person was first employed as a supply teacher under the

**Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Wales) Regulations 2003. The Order also makes other minor amendments to the 2000 Order so that the particulars of a person's academic and professional qualifications maintained by the GTCW are restricted to those that are relevant as a teacher and so as to update references to the Education Act 2002.**

- **The Plant Health (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2005**

**This Order will implement seven European Community measures into national plant health legislation.**

- **The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (Commencement No 1) Order 2005**

**This Order commences certain provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to enable preparatory work to be undertaken in advance of the main functions in the Act being commenced and coming into effect on 1 April 2005. The Act received Royal Assent on 16 September 2004. It confers additional functions on the Auditor General for Wales; primarily those currently exercised by the Audit Commission in Wales. The effect of the Act is that there will be a single public audit body for Wales to be headed by the Auditor General and to be known as the Wales Audit Office.**

**The Commencement Order will enable a number of aspects of the new arrangements that need to be in place before 1 April 2005, to be addressed. These comprise finalisation of a code of audit and inspection practice and revised account and audit regulations in respect of local government bodies in Wales; fee charging arrangements in respect of local government audit and inspection work; and the amendment of section 54 of the Act (which currently restricts disclosure of information obtained in the course of a local government audit) to make it consistent with the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It will also enable statutory transfer schemes to be made transferring relevant property, rights and liabilities of the National Audit Office and the Audit Commission to the Auditor General for Wales.**

- **Motion to approve The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (15 mins)**

**These regulations will amend the General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) Regulations 2000 so that they require the General Teaching Council for Wales (GTCW) to indicate on its register the date on which a person was first employed as a supply teacher under the Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Wales) Regulations 2003. The Regulations**

also remove the requirement on the GTCW to record on its register the date on which a teacher's teacher training course started and was completed.

- Proposal to debate the following 2 items together with separate votes (20 mins)
- The Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (Wales) Determination 2005- 06 under Standing Order 29
- The (Wales) General Determination of the Item 8 Credit and Item 8 Debit 2005-2006 under Standing Order 29

These Determinations are proposed under the powers of sections 80 and 87 of, and schedule 4 of, the Local Government and Housing act 1989, as amended by the Local government act 2003.

The Determinations are made annually for each financial year. They provide for the basis of expenditure and income to be included in a Local authority's actual Housing Revenue Account (HRA), and for the basis for calculating an Authority's Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (HRAS) for the year.

- Motion to delegate functions in or under The Housing Act 2004 to the First Minister (15 mins)
  
- Welsh Conservative Party nominated Debate (45 mins)

### Wednesday 19 January 2005

- Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice & Regeneration (30 mins)
- Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development & Transport (30 mins)
  
- Debate on Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies` Merger (120 mins)

The debate will focus on the proposed reform of public services in Wales as set out in "Making the Connections" ; and the reform of the ASPB`s to achieve the proposed reforms.

- Short debate (30 minutes)

### Tuesday 25 January 2005

- First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)

- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Welsh Local Flood Defence Scheme 1996 (Revocation) Order 2005 (15 mins)**

The new flood defence arrangements in Wales, announced in plenary on 29 June 2004, will comprise a single tier flood defence committee structure. This committee structure will replace the existing two-tier committee structure that includes six local flood defence committees. This Order will enable the revocation of the six local flood defence committees in Wales.

- **Motion to approve The Day Care (Application to Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (15 mins)**

These regulations require that all schools must be registered under Part XA of the Children Act 1989 in respect of any day care (as defined in section 79A of the Children Act 1989) provided by them for children aged under eight years old.

- **Welsh Liberal Democrat Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Skills and Employment Action Plan 2 (60 mins)**

This is a debate on the refreshed Skills and Employment Action Plan which provides an improved structure to the Welsh Assembly Government's policies for skills development and takes forward the commitment to meeting the demand for skills necessary in the modern workplace, and to helping more people into sustained employment.

### Wednesday 26 January 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)**
- **Debate on the Second Offer Scheme (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the House Committee (45 mins)**
- **Motion to approve the Code of Conduct for the House Committee (15 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

### Tuesday 1 February 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 Committee's Report on Special Educational Needs (30 mins)**

The Report is the first part of a three phase policy review. This initial report focuses on early identification of and intervention. Subsequent phases will examine the 'statementing' process and problems encountered by children and young people with SEN during transition through the various stages of statutory education, and then onto further or higher education and the world of work. The report was agreed by ELL Committee on 13 October 2004 and was debated in Plenary on 24 November 2004.

- Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)
- Debate on a Standing Order 31 motion (NNDM2225) tabled by Gwenda

Thomas AM (60 mins)

Standing Order 31 is a proposal put forward by an Assembly Member, who is not a member of the Government, to introduce a policy via subordinate legislation. This motion takes the form of an Assembly instruction to the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration to bring forward draft subordinate legislation to provide that in determining whether it would be reasonable for a vulnerable person to occupy accommodation and in determining whether accommodation is suitable for a vulnerable person, there shall be taken into account the following matters: the specific health needs of the vulnerable person; the proximity and accessibility of social services; the proximity and accessibility of family support or other support services and; the particular disability of the vulnerable person.

### Wednesday 2 February 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)
- Questions to the House Committee (5 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Welsh Assembly Government`s reponse to the Report of the Child Poverty Task Force (30 mins)
- Debate on the Children`s Bill (70 mins)
- Motion to approve a Special Grant Report : Allocating monies to local authorities for the disposal of domestic fridges (15 mins)
- Short debate (30 mins)