

## Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 28 March 2006.]

**Tuesday 4 April & Wednesday 5 April 2006**

*Easter Recess 10 – 28 April 2006*

**Tuesday 2 May & Wednesday 3 May 2006**

**Tuesday 9 May & Wednesday 10 May 2006**

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**Tuesday 4 April 2006**

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Business Minister : The Safeguarding Vulnerable Children Review (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations amend the Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2005, which set out the rules for appealing against the valuation of a hereditament (property or unit which is liable for non domestic rates) and subsequent alteration of the Non

Domestic Rating List. These Regulations correct a number of drafting errors in the Regulations mentioned. The amendments do not affect the intended purpose of the 2005 Regulations.

- **Motion to approve The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources and Sums for Personal Requirements)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The effect of these Regulations is threefold. First, they increase for inflation the capital limits used in residential charging assessments by increasing the upper capital limits from £21,000 to £21,500 (an increase of 2.4%) and the lower capital limit by a significantly higher amount than inflation from £14,750 to £16,000 (an increase of 8.5%). Secondly, these Regulations reflect in the disregards used in residential charging assessments certain changes to income-related benefits, which are occurring from April 2006. They also seek to introduce civil partners in the list of "liable relatives" set out in the Regulations. Lastly, they increase the weekly sum that local authorities are to assume that residents in residential care need for their personal requirements from £19.10 to £20.00 per week (an increase of 4.7%).

- **Motion to approve The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order makes provisions for the administration and enforcement in Wales of Council Regulation (EC) No. 21/2004 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine (sheep) and caprine (goats) animals amending Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC).

- **Motion to approve The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications)(Amendment No 2) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations will introduce a new fees regime for the monitoring of minerals and waste landfill planning permissions in Wales. The objective of the new charging regime is for local planning authorities to recover the costs of carrying out their monitoring function according to best practice procedures in a way that is as simple and transparent as possible. The fee regime will be based on a charge per scheduled site visit to recover average costs including travel costs and will be set at £288 per visit for active sites and £96 per visit for inactive sites.

- **Motion to approve The Tuberculosis (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order, which applies in Wales only, revokes and re-enacts the Tuberculosis (England and Wales) Order 1984 with alterations. It also introduces an obligation to test cattle over 15 months old from 1 and 2 year testing parishes, with some exceptions, prior to movement.

## Wednesday 5 April 2006

- **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)**
- **Statement by the Business Minister on Accessible Venues Guidance (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the Report of the Social Justice and Regeneration Review of Substance Misuse (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

## Tuesday 2 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**
- **The Plant Breeders Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use Exemption) (Wales) Order 2006**
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations relate to the National Assembly for Wales' powers to introduce provisions requiring relevant authorities in Wales (i.e. a county or county borough council) to incorporate into their standing orders certain provisions in relation to their staff, meetings and proceedings. These would include provisions that provide a measure of protection from dismissal for Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers, currently only available to Heads of Paid Service. Following the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000, the role of Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers was enhanced to include a duty to provide advice on whether particular decisions taken were contrary to the policy framework or contrary to

or not wholly in accordance with the budget. Giving these officers the same protection as currently enjoyed by the Heads of Paid Service would protect them from any attempts at dismissal that were politically motivated, owing to challenging the Council's decisions.

- **Motion to approve The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2006 (10mins)**

This Order brings into force certain provisions of Part II of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on 3 May 2006 in relation to Wales. It also gives effect to transitional arrangements in respect of the procedures to be adopted in the processing of relevant orders (defined in the 2000 Act) made or applied for before the commencement of section 47 of the 2000 Act. The Order also effects certain consequential and related amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Highways Act 1980 and other primary legislation.

- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee (60 mins)**

### Wednesday 3 May 2006

- **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)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under Part 3 of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 to the First Minister (10 mins)**
- **Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (15mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Education (Parenting Orders) (Wales) Regs 2006**
- **Motion to approve The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No5) (Wales) Order 2006**
- **Debate on a Standing Order 31 proposal ( ballot held on 28 February**

**2006) (60 mins)**

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

**Tuesday 9 May 2006**

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Animal By-Products (Wales) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, revoke and re-make the Animal By-Products Regulations 2003, which made provision in Wales for the administration and enforcement of Regulation (EC) No. 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, (OJ No. L273).

- **Motion to approve The Education (National Curriculum for Wales (Disapplication of Science at Key Stage 4) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

These Regulations disapply the requirements of the Programmes of Study for science at Key Stage 4 (pupils broadly aged 14-16 years) between September 2006 and August 2008 for pupils that are taught a course leading to an approved science qualification.

- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 23 (5 mins)**
- **Debate on ESTYN – the Report of Her Majesty`s Chief Inspector of Schools ( 60 mins)**

**Wednesday 10 May 2006**

- **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 Section 86 of The Equalities Act 2006 to the First Minister (15 mins)**

- **Debate on Local Museums, Archives and Libraries in community life (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**