

**Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2001**

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

**Election of Dafydd Wigley to the Culture Committee**

*NDM661* - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 57(8) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, elects Dafydd Wigley (Plaid Cymru) to its Committee on Culture in place of Gareth Jones (Plaid Cymru).

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 21; Abstain1; Against 0; Total 22

**The motion was carried**

2.01pm

**Oral Questions to the First Minister**

The first 12 questions were answered. Questions 8 and 9 were withdrawn

2.45pm

**Statement : The First Minister on the WJEC Report**

3.23pm

**Statement: The Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities on Asylum Seekers**

3.42pm

**Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister**

More than 10 Members objected to the business statement and it was therefore put to the vote.

For 27; Abstain0; Against 20; Total 47

The business statement was agreed

3.49pm

## **Point of Order**

**Ieuan Wyn Jones** under Standing Order 7.13 on when a matter could be considered to be sub-judice; and whether the First Minister had been advised by an Assembly Official on this matter.

The First Minister said that information from his Legal Adviser is subject to legal privilege.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that Standing Order 7.13 sets out the position on sub-judice.

3.58pm

## **Debate on the Independent Appeal Mechanism for Farmers**

*NDM660* - To propose that the National Assembly

1. welcomes the intention to establish an Independent Appeals Mechanism for Farmers in Wales regarding decisions taken on payment of agriculture subsidies
2. calls on the Minister for Agriculture & Rural Affairs to ensure that the appeals mechanism is fully operational by 31 October 2001

***The following amendment had been tabled:***

### **Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East) Peter Rogers (North Wales)**

Adds a third paragraph

(3) calls on the Minister to conduct a review of the operational efficiency of his Department and Divisional Offices in processing applications, so as to reduce the number of potential cases being referred to appeal.

**A vote was taken:**

### **Amendment 1**

For 8; Abstain 0; Against 34; Total 42

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

### **The motion**

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

**The motion was carried**

4.29pm

## **Debate on the Chief Inspector's Report on Training & Development (ESTYN Report)**

*NDM662* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Notes the 1999-2000 Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 14 May 2001 and recognises that the

key issues are taken on board in Estyn's remit from the National Assembly for 2001-02 which was laid in Table Office 10 April 2001. "

***The following amendments had been tabled:***

**Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

In line 2 , delete everything after 2001 and replace with:

'and notes the Estyn remit letter for 2001-02, laid in the Table Office on 10 April 2001.'

**Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Evaluate the ways in which how weaknesses addressed in last year's Annual Report were addressed;

Present an action plan detailing how those main issues in the current Estyn report are to be addressed.

**Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Ensure that the deficiencies in the provision of Welsh-medium education and training, as outlined in the report, are addressed.

**Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Expresses concern at the poor progress made by pupils in Wales when they move from primary to secondary school, as mentioned in the report.

**Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add at end of motion:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to:

Conduct an investigation into ways of reducing the administrative burden on schools during inspections.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 44

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 44

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

**Amendment 3 was carried**

**Amendment 4**

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 44; Total 44

**Amendment 4 was carried**

**Amendment 5**

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 43

**Amendment 5 was defeated**

**The motion, as amended**

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

**The motion, as amended, was carried**

**The session concluded at 5.15pm**

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

**9.05 am on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID 21 MAY 2001**

Memorandum of Corrections - The Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (Wales) Regulations

2001 (LD803)

Memorandum of Corrections - The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.3) (Wales)  
Order 2001 (LD804)

Memorandum of Corrections - The Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (Wales)  
Regulations 2001 (LD805)