

## **Motions and Amendments for Debate on 3 December 2003**

### **Motions tabled on 26 November 2003**

**Short Debate - NDM1730 Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon); Local Regeneration Fund and Match-Funding - Short Changing Wales?**

#### **NDM1731 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the content of the UK Government's Legislative Programme for 2003-04; and
2. Commends those Bills with particular relevance to the Assembly's responsibilities to the appropriate subject committees for further consideration. Such consideration should focus on the provisions each Bill should make for Wales and how the Assembly might use its' new powers therein.

### **Amendments Tabled on 27 November 2003**

To propose that the Assembly resolve to adopt the following amendments to motions:

#### **NDM1731**

##### **1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to negotiate within the UK Government to prioritise a new Government of Wales Act that would devolve primary legislative and tax varying powers to the National Assembly and in the meantime regrets the lack of influence Wales has over the inclusion of Wales only Bills due to not having a full time Secretary of State in the UK Cabinet.

##### **2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the inclusion of measures to introduce top-up fees to Higher Education Institutions

##### **3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the exclusion of the Mental Health (Wales) Bill.

#### **4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the exclusion of measures to ensure that liability for GM contamination of organic or conventional crops falls upon the growers.

#### **5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the proposal setting up a Pension Protection Fund within a new Pension Bill and calls on the UK Government to ensure that the Fund protects the pensions of those employees where companies are currently in the winding up process.

#### **6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that no progress has been made on:

- a) Making St David's Day a Bank Holiday in Wales,
- b) Securing free personal care for the elderly, and
- c) Banning smoking in specified public buildings.

#### **7. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Delete Point 2 and replace with:

2. Regrets the Westminster Government's failure to address the serious problems of rising crime faced by Welsh residents and the United Kingdom as a whole, in the Legislative Programme for 2003-2004.

#### **8. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of any serious attempt by the Westminster Government to address pensioner poverty in Wales and the United Kingdom as a whole in the Legislative

Programme for 2003-2004.

### **9. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Westminster Government's failure to provide any assistance to students facing financial debt in Wales in the Legislative Programme for 2003-2004.

### **10. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the paucity of Wales-only measures proposed in the Westminster Government's Legislative Programme for 2003-2004.

### **11. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of any specific legislative proposals to make good the problems faced by Allied Steel workers and others whose pensions are now worthless, in the Westminster Government's Legislative Programme for 2003-2004.

### **12. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of any legislation designed to introduce a democratic element to the Upper House, in the Westminster Government's Legislative Programme for 2003-2004.

## **Amendments tabled on 28 November 2003**

To propose that the Assembly resolves to adopt the following amendments to motions:

### **NDM1731**

#### **1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the proposed Draft Charities Bill may restrict those seeking to organise charitable fundraising activities and calls on the UK government to rethink their proposals.

## **2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the decision to allow the National Assembly to determine how Higher Education in Wales is funded, but regrets the fact that the lack of an adequate funding formula for Wales will restrict its ability to find alternatives to tuition fees.

## **3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Expresses regret at there being only one Wales-specific bill in the Queen's Speech and calls on the UK government to bring forward legislation to create a Welsh Senedd with primary law-making powers.

## **4. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Condemns the proposals to cut back on the right of appeal for asylum seekers, which will hit genuine victims and further undermine the quality of asylum decisions.