

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2000**

**PART 2 - SECTION H**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS**

**The session commenced at 2pm**

**2.00pm**

**Election to the Business Committee**

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with standing order 13.2, elects Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Business Committee in place of Ieuan Wyn Jones (Plaid Cymru)

**A vote was taken:**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**The motion was carried**

**2.01pm**

**Questions to First Secretary**

The first 9 questions were reached. Question 1 was withdrawn

**2.33pm**

**The First Minister** made a statement on the recent Cabinet Changes.

**3.01pm**

**The Economic Development Minister** made a statement on job losses at Sony, Pencoed

**3.22pm**

**Points of Order**

**William Graham** raised a point of order on the lack of notice received by Business Managers regarding revisions to today's business statement.

**The Minister for Assembly Business** apologised for the lack of notice given to members.

**Elin Jones** raised a point of order concerning an article which had appeared in the Cambrian News signed by Alun Michael, AM.

**Delyth Evans** explained that she had written the article and an administrative error had occurred. A correction will appear in this week's edition.

**Brian Gibbons** raised a point of order on the motion tabled by Plaid Cymru for debate this afternoon expressing concern that only one vote would be taken covering many issues. **The Presiding Officer** explained that the motion was in order and members had had the opportunity to table amendments.

**David Davies** raised a point of order on the changes to Cabinet titles and the election of the Deputy Presiding Officer.

**The Presiding Officer** explained that the interpretation of Standing Orders will be expanded to take account of these new titles and further clarified the process for electing the Deputy Presiding Officer.

**3.39pm**

### **Business Statement: the Business Secretary**

The business statement was agreed

**3.43pm**

**Rod Richards** raised a point of order clarifying that his previous comments made during the First Ministers statement on language were not improper and that he had raised questions for clarification purposes.

**3.44pm**

### **Minority Party Debate - Plaid Cymru**

The National Assembly stresses the central role of European Structural Funds in the regeneration of the Welsh economy and is determined that the full funds should be used effectively and without further delay.

The National Assembly calls for urgent action to achieve the following:

Full agreement on a set of Regional and Sub-Regional Plans which will avoid serious overlap in the implementation of each separate measure in the various Programme Complements, and at the same time ensure that there are no measures requiring a Regional or Sub-Regional Action Plan which are not covered.

Firm guidelines on the division of the available resources between Regional, Sub-Regional and Local Action Plans.

A clear definition of the responsibility of the Local Partnerships in integrating the relevant projects proposed by Regional and Sub-Regional Partnerships and the range of specific local projects into a coherent local plan, and in prioritising these projects for the guidance of the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).

The National Assembly

Recognises that a firm estimate of the total demand for public sector 'match funding' by partnerships led by government bodies or local authorities is a necessary pre-requisite for setting the budget.

Calculates that if the various programmes follow the year-by-year budget agreed with the European Commission, and adopt a uniform profile of spending over the permitted period, then the transfer of European Funds according to the spending review will not meet the total allocation of these funds by WEFO.

Resolves to continue pressure on the Treasury for a 100% transfer of the necessary funds in addition to the Barnett Block.

The National Assembly calls upon the First Secretary to ensure that the Secretary for Economic Development holds no other portfolio responsibility, in order to ensure rapid progress on the implementation of the Structural Programmes.

**A vote was taken:**

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 48

**The motion fell**

**The session concluded at 4.48pm**

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

**9.05am on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2000**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET IN PLENARY**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 12 OCTOBER 2000**

The Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2000

## **DOCUMENTS LAID ON 11 OCTOBER 2000**

LC118 Legislation Committee Report The Sheep and Goats Identification (Wales) Regulations 2000

LC120 Legislation Committee Report The Meat (Disease Control) (Wales) Regulations 2000

LC122 Legislation Committee Report The Teacher Training Incentive (Wales) Regulations 2000

LC123 Legislation Committee Report The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No 1) (Wales) Order 2000

LC124 Legislation Committee Report The Education (Restriction of Employment)(Wales) Regulations 2000

LC121 - Legislation Committee Report The Local Government Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2000

The School Government (Terms of Reference)(Wales) Regulations 2000

The Health Act 1999 (Commencement No.3) (Wales) Order 2000

Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2000 Regulatory Appraisal

Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2000

Cadw - Annual report and Accounts 1999-2000

## **DOCUMENTS LAID ON 10 OCTOBER 2000**

Health Service Ombudsman for Wales Report 1999-00

Welsh Administration Ombudsman Report