

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 22nd January 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

The Presiding Officer welcomed the presence of a signer for the benefit of the hard of hearing in the public gallery.

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered.

2.42 pm

Sue Essex, the Minister for the Environment, answered an urgent question from David Davies on the rail accident that occurred near Abergavenny on Friday, 18th January.

2.50 pm

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

The business statement was agreed

2.54 pm

Points of Order:

Karen Sinclair welcomed the signing facility being provided by BSL. The Presiding Officer hoped that the six month pilot project would be successful.

Owen John Thomas on the use of offensive language. The Presiding Officer reminded Members of the requirements of Standing Order 7.2 and the Protocol on Conduct in the Chamber.

3.01 pm

Approval under SO22.25:

The Education (School Day and School Year)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002

NDM921 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1. Approves: The Education (School Day and School Year) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 11 December 2001; and

2. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Education (School Day and School Year) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 8 January 2002.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 52 ; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

The motion was carried

3.17pm

Debate on the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee's Review of Higher Education

NDM922 - The National Assembly

Notes the Report of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee entitled, " Policy Review of Higher Education", which was laid in Table Office on 14 January 2002.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

The motion was carried

4.25pm

Debate on the Wales Millennium Centre

NDM923 - The National Assembly:

Welcomes the imminent signature of the contract for the construction of the Wales Millennium Centre, which is being made possible by a grant from the Assembly of up to £37 million.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

At the end of the motion add;

"and acknowledges the importance of also making substantial investment in the arts in other parts of Wales."

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 47; Abstain 2; Against 1; Total 50

Amendment 1 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 47; Abstain 1; Against 2; Total 50

The motion, as amended, was carried

Motion to approve the Notifiable Transaction on the Wales Millennium Centre under Standing Order 19

NDM924 - The National Assembly for Wales notes the intention of the Minister for Culture to authorise a Notifiable Transaction under Standing Order 19.13 (as described in the statement laid in the Table Office on 14 January) for the disposal of land at Pierhead Street, Cardiff Bay, to the Wales Millennium Centre Company for a nominal consideration.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 48; Abstain 2; Against 0; Total 50

The motion was carried

The session concluded at 5.35pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 24th January 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 16 January 2002

Audit Committee Report 01-02: NHS Wales Summarised Accounts 1999-2000 - LD1212

Periodic Timetable Statement - LD1211