

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**PART 2 – SECTION H**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2001**

**The Session commenced at 9.05am**

**Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health & Social Services**

The first 5 questions were reached

**9.23 am**

**Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education & Life-Long Learning**

The first 6 questions were reached. Question 3 was withdrawn.

**9.47 am**

**Questions to the House Committee**

The first 7 questions were reached

**10.06 am**

**Statements:**

**The Minister for Assembly Business made a statement on Information Age Strategic Framework**

**10.41 am**

**The Minister for Finance and Communities made a statement on the New Building**

**11.19am**

## Points of Order

1. **David Melding** on linguistic representation on National Health Trust Board Membership.
2. **Cynog Dafis** on decisions taken by the Assembly Administration being described as being made by the National Assembly for Wales.
3. **Huw Lewis on the correct terminology for the UK Government within the Chamber. The Presiding Officer advised that the terms "UK Government, Whitehall or Westminster" would be appropriate.**

11.31am

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair**

### **Debate on Consultation and Participation**

To propose that the National Assembly,

- Affirms its support for a participative approach to the governance of Wales and recognises the significance of public participation in developing effective and distinctive public policies in Wales.
- Notes the document entitled 'Engaging Wales – Consultation and Participation' (which was circulated to Assembly Members by email on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2001) as part of the ongoing review of the Assembly's procedures.
- Recognises that new methods of consultation will have to be developed in order to genuinely involve those who have previously been excluded from political processes

***The following amendments were selected:***

#### **1. William Graham (South Wales East);**

Delete first bullet point, and replace with a new bullet point, which reads:

- Affirms its support for a participatory approach to the governance of Wales.

#### **2. William Graham (South Wales East);**

Delete the second bullet point.

### **3. William Graham (South Wales East);**

Delete the third bullet point, and replace with a new bullet point, which reads:

- Establishes new and more creative ways of informing people of the issues that directly effect them, then after consultation, provide an easy format by which they may genuinely contribute to the processes that effect their lives.

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

After third bullet point, add:

But regrets that to date the Cabinet has shown little inclination to enter into meaningful consultation and participation or to adequately take account of representations made.

**A vote was taken:**

#### **Amendment 1**

For 6; Abstain 0; Against 38; Total 44

**Amendment 1 fell**

#### **Amendment 2**

For 6; Abstain 0; Against 38; Total 44

**Amendment 2 fell**

**Amendment 3**

For 6; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 46

**Amendment 3 fell**

**Amendment 4**

For 16; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 46

**Amendment 4 fell**

**The motion**

For 46; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 46

**The motion was carried**

**12.15pm**

**Short Debate: Gwenda Thomas (Neath); My right to be a Mrs and a Wife**

**The session concluded at 12.32pm**

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

**2.00 pm on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2001**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 16 JANUARY 2001**

LC150 - Legislation Committee Report - The Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (Wales)  
(No.2) Regulations 2000

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 15 JANUARY 2001**

LC134 - Legislation Committee Report - The National Council for Education and Training in  
Wales (Interim Functions) Order 2000

