

BUSINESS PAPERS

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2001

The Session commenced at 9.05am

Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health & Social Services

The first 5 questions were answered

9.23am

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

The first 6 questions were answered. Question 2 was not asked.

9.39am

Questions to House Committee

The first 7 questions were answered. Question 6 was not asked.

9.54am

Statement: The First Minister gave an update on Corus

10.19am

Point of Order

William Graham on SO2.4 and 6.3 (iii) - responsibilities of Ministers.

10.21am

Approval of the Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 36; Abstain 7; Against 0; Total 43

The principle of the Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001 was agreed

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001 and the memorandum of corrections pursuant to Standing Order 22.13 (i) laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 35; Abstain 7; Against 0; Total 42

The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001 were agreed

10.50am

Approval of The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

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

Approves:

- The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001, and:
- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 were agreed

10.51am

Approval of The Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001

To propose that the National Assembly, acting in accordance with Standing Order No 23.10 approves the draft order, The Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 41

The Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001 was agreed

10.56am

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

Debate on the Diversity of Public Appointments Report

To propose that the National Assembly:

- Endorses the broad proposals contained in the report from the Committee on Equality of Opportunity entitled 'Report for the National Assembly for Wales Equal Opportunities Committee on Public Appointments to Assembly sponsored Public Bodies', available on the intranet at:

[http://assembly/committees/Equal%20Opportunities%20Committee/Meetings/2000/07-00\(25%20Oct\)/EOC-07-00\(p.1\)%20-%20draft%20report%20on%20public%20appointments.html](http://assembly/committees/Equal%20Opportunities%20Committee/Meetings/2000/07-00(25%20Oct)/EOC-07-00(p.1)%20-%20draft%20report%20on%20public%20appointments.html)

- The National Assembly agrees that the Government of Wales report back on the progress towards implementation by July 2001.

11.16am

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives moved a procedural motion to adjourn this debate in order to protect the Minority Party Debate and the Short Debate. 10 members supported this.

A vote was taken:

For 13; Abstain 0; Against 25; Total 38

The motion fell and the debate continued

A vote was taken:

For 40; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 40

The motion was carried

11.40am

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

The National Assembly expresses its concern at the delay in dealing with claims for compensation by former miners and their families in Wales following the High Court ruling on the 23rd January 1998, and calls on the First Minister to make the strongest representations to the UK government to:

- Employ more medical and administrative staff to speed up the processing of claims
- To abolish its clawback of benefit payments from the settled claims immediately, and
- End its challenge to the pension loss element of compensation claims.

The following amendments were selected:

1. William Graham (South Wales East), Alun Cairns (South Wales West);

Place a full stop after "January 1998" and insert

'The persistent changes in Ministerial responsibility for this matter has compounded the delay'

before "and calls on"

2. Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

Delete all after UK Government and add:

"to do everything within its legal powers to ensure the prompt distribution of the funds already made available for the compensation of former miners and dependents".

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 46

Amendment 1 fell

Amendment 2

For 24; Abstain 7; Against 16; Total 47

Amendment 2 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

The motion, as amended, was carried

12.37pm

Short Debate: Janice Gregory (Ogmore); Crime:- Not Just a Perception

Janice Gregory moved a procedural motion under SO 6.16 to postpone her short debate. 10 members supported this.

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

Janice Gregory moved a procedural motion under SO 6.10 to postpone her short debate.

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The short debate was postponed.

The session concluded at 12.39pm

The Assembly will be in recess from 19th – 23rd February 2001

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 27th February 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 13 FEBRUARY 2001

Local Government and Housing Committee - Report to Plenary on the Homes Bill

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee - Report to Plenary on the Special Education Needs (SEN) and Disability Bill

Economic Development Committee - Report to Plenary on the Regulatory Reform Bill

Health and Social Services Committee - Report to Plenary on the Health and Social Care Bill and the Children's Commissioner for Wales Bill

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 9 FEBRUARY 2001

Water Resources Act 1991, Environment Act 1995, Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 - Fisheries Byelaws

