

Wednesday, 30th October 2002

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Questions to Jane Hutt, the Minister for Health and Social Services

The first 6 questions were answered.

2.22pm

Questions to Jane Davidson, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

The first 5 questions were answered.

2.43pm

Statement: The Minister for Health and Social Services made a statement on the Nutrition Strategy

2.44pm

The proceedings were suspended due to a disturbance in the Chamber.

2.53pm

Proceedings resumed.

3.20pm

Motion to Delegate the Functions of the NHS Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

NDM1192 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all the functions of the National Assembly contained in the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002; to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in this motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

The National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 can be located on the Internet using the attached hyperlink:

<http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/20020017.htm>

A vote was taken:

For 28; Abstain 0; Against 23; Total 51

The motion was carried.

3.48pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

Motion to Note the Annual Report of the Health Service Commissioner for Wales

NDM1193- *To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 6.5, notes the Health Service Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report, 2001-02, laid in the Table Office on 17 July 2002.*

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes with care the comments made by the Health Service Ombudsman on the complaints procedure within the NHS.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 8; Abstain 11; Against 24; Total 43

Amendment 1 was defeated.

The motion

For 40; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 40

The motion was carried.

4.05pm

Debate on the First Minister's Annual Report

NDM1191 - *To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 6.5, welcomes the Report of the First Minister 2001-02, which was laid in the Table Office on 22 October 2002.*

The following amendments were tabled:

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Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete 'welcomes' and replace with 'notes'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

The National Assembly also expresses concern at the Welsh Assembly Government's record on public services and economic development and at the failure of the First Minister's Annual Report to mention, in particular, the following:

- a) That plans for restructuring the NHS in Wales will be costly and ineffective;
- b) That outpatient waiting lists over the period covered by the report rose by 41%;
- c) That the GDP gap between Wales and the rest of the UK is widening;
- d) That the backlog in school building repairs has continued to rise.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 47

Amendment 1 was defeated.

Amendment 2

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 47

Amendment 2 was defeated.

The motion

For 28; Abstain 0; Against 19; Total 47

The motion was carried.

5.17pm

Short Debate: *NDM1190* Peter Rogers (North Wales): The 20 Day Rule is Killing Farming and Livestock Auctions and Must Go - Now

The session concluded at 5.48pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 5th November 2002

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DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Documents laid on 29 October 2002

LC537 - The Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-Natural Areas) (Wales) Regulations 2002 SI 2002 No. 2127 (W.214) - LD1638

LC549 - The Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc) (Standard Daily Amount) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1639

LC550 - The Fees for Inquiries (Standard Daily Amount) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1640

LC551 - The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1641

LC552 - The Children Act 1989 and the Care Standards Act 2000 (Miscellaneous Regulations) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1642