

Motions and Amendments for Future Debate

No Named Day Motions Tabled on 23 June 2005

NNDM2507 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 8.1:

1. Establishes an Advisory Committee to consider "Better Governance for Wales" (Cm 6582) so far as it relates to the proposed new structure of the Assembly and its proposed legislative powers;
2. The title of the committee shall be the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper;
3. Membership of the Committee shall comprise seven Assembly Members, three from the Labour Party, one each from Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Conservative Party and the Welsh Liberal Democrat Party and the Presiding Officer who shall chair the Committee;
4. The terms of reference for the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper will be to:
 - i) Consider the proposals set out in the White Paper so far as they relate to the proposed new structure of the Assembly and its proposed legislative powers; and
 - ii) Take evidence from organisations and individuals with a direct interest in the proposed new structure of the Assembly and its proposed legislative powers.
5. The committee shall report to the National Assembly not later than 19 September 2005, and shall then cease to exist on 19 September 2005.

'Better Governance for Wales' can be accessed on the following hyperlink:

http://www.walesoffice.gov.uk/2005/better_governance_for_wales_report.pdf

http://www.swyddfa.cymru.gov.uk/2005/trefn_lywodraethu_well_i_gymru.pdf

The above motion was accompanied by the following assessment of the costs, benefits and any other implications of establishing the committee:

Assessment of the Costs and Benefits of establishing the Committee on Better Governance for Wales White Paper

Costs of the Committee

It is expected that the Committee will meet on 8 occasions. The Committee will be serviced from existing Assembly Parliamentary Service staff resources at no additional cost.

Benefits of the Committee

Establishing the additional Committee, which will comprise cross party representation, would be the best way forward to consider the proposals set out in the White Paper. The Committee shall present its report to the Secretary of State for Wales by the 16 September.

There are no additional implications.

NNDM2508 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 8.4, elects the following Members to the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper:

Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Presiding Officer)

Jane Hutt (Labour)

Lorraine Barrett (Labour)

Carl Sargeant (Labour)

Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru)

David Melding (Conservative)

Kirsty Williams (Liberal Democrat)

and elects the Presiding Officer to be the Chair of the Committee.

NNDM2509 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Orders 37.1 and 37.4:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee to revise Standing Orders, laid in the Table office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 23 June 2005;
2. Agrees to revise Standing Order as set out in the Business Committee report; and
3. Agrees that these Standing Order revisions shall cease to have effect on 30 October 2005.