

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 12th March 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 7 was withdrawn.

2.42pm

The Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh Language made a statement on Racism in Sport

3.04pm

The Minister for Health and Social Services made a statement about successful voluntary sector health promotion scheme bids

3.27pm

Business Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs and Assembly Business

The business statement was agreed

3.33pm

Points of Order:

Jonathan Morgan on funding allocated to chamber orchestras in Wales.

3.40pm

Composite motion

This motion was not subject to debate and proceeded to an immediate vote

NDM982 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

Approves:

1. The Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of non-commercial considerations) (Wales) Order 2002 laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002; and

2. Considers:

the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of non-commercial considerations) (Wales) Order 2002, laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2002

3. Approves:

The Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002; and

4. Considers:

a) the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft The Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2002

b) The memorandum of corrections, laid in the Table Office 5 March 2002

5. Approves:

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement Of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Wales) Order 2000 Amendment Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002; and

6. Considers:

the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Sea Fishing (Enforcement Of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Wales) Order 2000 Amendment Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2002

7. Approves:

The Lobster and Crawfish (Prohibition of Fishing and Landing) (Wales) Order 2002 laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002; and

8. Considers:

a) the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft The Lobster and Crawfish (Prohibition of Fishing and Landing) (Wales) Order 2002, laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2002; and

b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002.

A vote was taken on the composite motion:

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

The composite motion was carried

3.41pm

Approval of The Education (Capital Grants)(Wales) Regulations 2002

NDM983 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Education (Capital Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2002

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order

For 49; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 49

The principle of the order was approved

NDM984 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Education (Capital Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2002, laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2002

2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2002

A vote was taken on the Order

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 50

The Order was approved

3.57pm

Approval of the changes to the Main Expenditure Groups (MEG Transfers)

NDM985 - To propose that the National Assembly:

In accordance with Standing Order 19.5, approves the changes to Main Expenditure Groups for the financial year 2001-02 laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2002 by the Minister for Finance, Edwina Hart.

The following tables were laid in the Table Office on 4 March:

Table 1 shows the proposed changes of existing provision between Main Expenditure Groups; and

Table 2 shows the proposed revised provisions for Main Expenditure Groups taking account of the additional allocations.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The motion was carried

Debate on NHS Estates - WITHDRAWN

A procedural motion was proposed under Standing Order 6.10 to postpone this item.

A vote was taken

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The procedural motion was carried.

NDM986 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Welcomes the National Audit Office Report "Managing the Estate of the National Health Service in Wales" which was laid in Table Office on 28 November 2001 and which can be located on the Intranet at: http://www.agw.wales.gov.uk/publications/2001/agw2001_10.pdf

2. Endorses the actions which the Minister for Health and Social Services is taking to ensure an improved healthcare environment in Wales.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that much of the NHS estate in Wales requires modernisation and improvement.

4.10pm

Debate on Postal Services

NDM987 - To propose that the National Assembly

The National Assembly:

Endorses the need to take action to support the retention of viable postal services in Wales, including the recommendations of the Cabinet Office's Performance and Innovation Unit's report on the modernisation of the Post Office counters network and Postcomm's recommendations in relation to the delivery of mail services.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after 'Wales' in paragraph 1 and add:

'Registers its concern at the centralisation of functions out of Wales with the resultant loss of jobs, deterioration in delivery service and a lack of investment in new technology.'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after 'Wales' in paragraph 1 and add:

'Demands an assurance that every household and business in Wales regardless of location will receive a daily delivery of post at a universal price. '

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all after 'Wales' in paragraph 1 and add:

'Supports the Communication Workers Union's call for an independent review into the running of Consignia, including the need for a national postal service for Wales.'

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add at the end of sentence:

'and reaffirms its support for a universal postal delivery system at a uniform price'

Note:

The Cabinet Office's Performance and Innovation Unit's report on the modernisation of the Post Office counters network can be accessed using the hyperlink shown below.

<http://www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/innovation/2000/postoffice/postindex.shtml>

Postcomm's recommendations in relation to the delivery of mail services can be accessed using the hyperlink shown below.

<http://www.postcomm.gov.uk/documents/competition/moproposals.pdf>

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 24; Total 49

Amendment 2 was carried

Amendment 3

For 12; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 49

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 37; Abstain 12; Against 0; Total 49

Amendment 4 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 50

The motion, as amended, was carried

The session concluded at 5.29pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 14th March 2002

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DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 11 March 2002

The Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1317