

BUSINESS PAPERS

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 8th February 2001

The Session commenced at 9.05am

Finance Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities

The first 7 questions were answered. Question 2 was not asked.

9.22am

Questions to Mike German, Minister for Economic Development

The first 5 questions were answered

9.42am

Statements

The Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development on Dairy Crest

10.06am

The Minister for Economic Development on the National Economic Development Strategy

10.47am

Points of Order

Ron Davies on the resolution agreed in the Economic Development Committee on the National Economic Development Strategy

Nick Bourne on the availability of Cabinet Statements to all Assembly Members prior to the

Statement being made.

Peter Rogers on access to public documents (Standing Order 17.4)

11.06am

Debate on the Economic Development Committee Report on Business Support

To propose that the National Assembly,

a. welcomes the Economic Development Committee's Report into Business Support (laid in the Table Office on 31 January 2001) as an important contribution to securing an effective framework for providing help and support to encourage business in Wales to grow and to achieving sustainable economic development in all parts of Wales.

b. agrees that the Administration now undertakes full consultation with business, as a requirement of section 115 of the Government of Wales Act, and full consultation with all interested parties;

c. encourages all those involved in business support, both recipients and providers to contribute to the consultation process;

A vote was taken:

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

The motion was carried

12.07pm

The Minister for Assembly Business proposed a motion under Standing Order 6.16 to extend Plenary until 1.30pm

A vote was taken:

For 34; Abstain 6; Against 5; Total 45

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the chair

Debate on Broadcasting and Communications

To propose that the National Assembly:

- welcomes the consultation exercise following publication of the British Government's White Paper 'A new future for communications', copies of which are available on the internet at www.communicationswhitepaper.gov.uk and;
- endorses the response by the National Assembly Cabinet, which was laid in the Table Office and distributed by email to Assembly Members on 1 February 2001.

The following amendments were selected:

1. William Graham (South Wales East);

After bullet point one add:

"asserts and reaffirms the importance of S4C in the Welsh broadcasting sector"

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as new bullet point at end of motion:

- Calls for any new legislation in this area to take into account the need for OFCOM to be supplemented in Wales by a Communications Users Council for the purposes of regulation in Wales.

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as new bullet point at end of motion:

- Calls on the UK Government to devise a strategy, as a matter of urgency, aimed at improving viewer take-up of television from Wales, including the possibility of the transmission of Welsh digital signals from Mendip, Ridge Hill, Wrekin and Winter Hill

transmitters.

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as new bullet point at end of motion:

- Recognises the importance to our creative industries of maintaining a dynamic market for communications services and acknowledges the benefits the sector is bringing to the modern Welsh economy.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 39; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 39

Amendment 1 was carried

Amendment 2

For 13; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 43

Amendment 2 fell

Amendment 3

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 1; Total 42

Amendment 3 was carried

Amendment 4

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

Amendment 4 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

The motion, as amended, was carried

1.55pm

Short Debate: Alun Pugh (Clwyd West); Death in the Mountains – Improving Mountain Safety in Wales

The session concluded at 13.19pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 13th February 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 6 FEBRUARY 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC156 - The Local Education Authority (Behaviour Support

Plans) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC157 - The National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC158 - The Financing of Maintained Schools (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC159 - The Education (Pupil Registration) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC160 - The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001

Legislation Committee Report - LC161 - The Highways Noise Payments (Movable Homes) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Homeless Persons (Priority Need) (Wales) Order 2001

The Community Charges, Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Enforcement) (Magistrates' Courts) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Memorandum of Corrections Pursuant to Standing Order 22.13 - The Tir Mynydd (Wales) Regulations 2001

