

BUSINESS PAPERS

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY, 13th JUNE 2000

PART 2 – SECTION H

The session commenced at 2.00pm

Questions to the First Secretary

The first 6 questions were reached

2.36pm

The First Secretary made a statement on First Line call centres

3.07pm

Point of Order: Alan Pugh on declaring interests during plenary sessions

3.09pm

Point of Order: Alan Cairns on use of offensive language by First Secretary

3.10pm

Business Statement: the Business Secretary

The business statement was carried.

3.13pm

Approval of the Housing Renewal Grants (Prescribed Forms and Particulars) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Housing Renewal Grants (Prescribed Form and Particulars and Welsh Form and Particulars) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For 47 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 47

The principle of the Order was carried

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The Housing Renewal Grants (Prescribed Form and Particulars and Welsh Form and Particulars) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 17 May 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000

A vote was taken on the Order:

For 45 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 45

The Order was carried

Approval of the Relocation Grants (Form of Application) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of the Relocation Grants (Form of Application) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For 47 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 47

The principle of the Order was carried

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, Relocation Grants (Form of Application) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 17 May 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000

A vote was taken on the Order:

For 47 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 47

The Order was carried

3.19pm

Approval of the Education (Outturn Statements) (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of the Education (Outturn Statements) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For 41 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 41

The principle of the Order was carried

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, Education (Outturn Statements) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 17 May 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000

A vote was taken on the Order:

For 42 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 42

The Order was carried

3.23pm

Approval of the National Health Services (General Medical Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of the National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For 45 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 45

The principle of the Order was carried

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 26 May 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000

A vote was taken on the Order:

For 47 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 47

The Order was carried

3.29pm

Point of order: Geraint Davies on the need for Brian Gibbons to declare an interest when contributing to debates on GPs.

3.29pm

Approval of the National Health Services (Choice of Medical Practitioner) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of the National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For 45 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 45

The principle of the Order was carried

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 26 May 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 May 2000

A vote was taken on the Order:

For 45 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 45

The Order was carried

3.42pm

Debate on NHS Resources Strategy

To propose that the National Assembly, recognises the significant contribution of the staff of the NHS in Wales, and endorses the Human Resources Strategy for NHS Wales "Delivering for Patients" drawn up in partnership by the National Assembly, the NHS, trade unions, staff organisations and professional bodies. A copy of "Delivering for Patients" was laid in the Table Office on 6 June 2000

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);

In line 2 delete 'endorses' and replace with 'notes'

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);

Add after "professional bodies.":

"Furthermore, this Assembly recognises the vital need to increase the number of NHS staff in Wales to adequately reduce waiting lists and waiting times, and to improve the quality of patient care. This Assembly therefore calls for sufficient additional funding to be allocated for the training and recruitment of doctors and nurses to adequately increase their numbers throughout Wales."

Amendment 3 - Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);

At end of motion delete full stop and add ' but regrets that this strategy fails to provide a coherent national picture of staff shortages in the NHS or recommend measures to tackle such shortages.'

Amendment 4 - Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);

Add at end of motion delete full stop and add: ' ; and to further the aims of the Human Resource Strategy calls for a set of targets on a national basis for the recruitment of nurses, doctors, medical laboratory scientists and those in Professions Allied to Medicine.'

4.22pm

Point of Order: Jane Davidson reminded Members that the Presiding Officer had advised that there were 4 speakers to be accommodated within 6 minutes

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 27 Abstain 19 Against 0 Total 46

Amendment 1 was carried

Amendment 2

For 50 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 50

Amendment 2 was carried

Amendment 3

For 27 Abstain 0 Against 22 Total 49

Amendment 3 was carried

Amendment 4

For 50 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 50

Amendment 4 was carried

The motion, (as amended)

For 50 Abstain 0 Against 0 Total 50

The motion, (as amended), was carried

4.33pm

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

The National Assembly calls for a review of the functions and inter-relationship of the national bodies that have responsibility for school education, including The Welsh Joint Education Committee, ACCAC, the General Teaching Council, Estyn and the Welsh Language Board, as part of the review of Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies, with the intention of creating an institutional structure that could serve effectively our national needs and priorities

**The following amendment was tabled:
Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);**

Add after "needs and priorities.":

"This review should take into account:

- the need to reduce the bureaucratic burden on teachers in Wales.
- the need to reform the inspection system in Wales to provide a more supportive framework for teachers."

A vote was taken

Amendment

For 26 Abstain 0 Against 22 Total 48

The Amendment was carried

The motion, (as amended)

For 20 Abstain 0 Against 32 Total 52

The motion, (as amended), was lost

The session concluded at 5.32pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 14th June 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

PETITIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

1. Petition from Greenpeace - to stop Reprocessing at Sellafield, total signatories 707

"The petitioners request that the Welsh Assembly joins with Denmark, Ireland and others in calling for an end to reprocessing at Sellafield and request that the Assembly transmit this view to the UK Government before the annual OSPAR Convention on June 26th. "

2. Petition from the Boverton Flood Victims, total signatories 1,588

"We, the undersigned, wish to have a new culvert based on plans drawn up in 1978 to solve the devastation of repeated flooding in Boverton. "

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET IN PLENARY

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 9 JUNE 2000

Further Education in Wales - Audit Committee

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 7 JUNE 2000

Local Government Finance (Wales) - Special Grant Report (No.3) (Wales) 2000 - Carers

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee - Report to the Assembly

The Education (Transition to New Framework) (New Schools, Groups and Miscellaneous)

Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000