

Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 31st March

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

2.00pm

Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice & Regeneration

The first 9 questions were asked. Question 11 was transferred for written answer. Questions 4 and 15 were withdrawn.

2.24pm

Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development & Transport

The first 6 questions were asked. Questions 14 and 15 were withdrawn

2.52pm

Statement by the First Minister :Report of the Richard Commission

3.50pm

This item is was not subject to debate and a vote proceeded immediately

Motion to approve under Standing Order 22.25

NDM1920 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, on 23 March 2004 on the draft Regulations The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004; and

b) Approves that The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:

i) the draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 15 March 2004; and

ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 15 March 2004

2.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, on 23 March 2004 on the draft Regulations The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales)

Regulations 2004; and

b) Approves that The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:

i) the draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 15 March 2004;

ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 15 March 2004; and

iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

The motion was carried

3.51pm

Motion to approve under SO22.27 (iv)The Food for Particular Nutritional Uses(Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004

NDM1921 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 24th March 2004.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

The principle of the order was approved

NDM1922 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been dispensed by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i),

(ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Regulations

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The Regulations were approved

3.52pm

Motion to approve under SO 22.27(iv) The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) and the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004

NDM1925 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) and the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

'Condemns the cruelty and insensitivity of increasing Bailiff's fees in tandem with escalating levels of Council Tax.'

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 12; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 49

Amendment 1 was defeated

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations

For 36; Abstain 0; Against 12; Total 48

The principle of the Regulations were approved

NDM1926 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) and the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disappplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Regulations

For 37; Abstain 0; Against 12; Total 49

The Regulations were approved

4.03pm

Motion to approve under Standing Order 22.27 (iv) The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payment) and (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004

NDM1923 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) and (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The principle of the Regulations were approved

NDM1924 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) and (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disappplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Regulations

For 46; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 46

The Regulations were approved

4.05pm

Motion to approve under Standing Order 22.27 (iv) The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement no13) (Wales) Order 2004

NDM1927 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No 13) (Wales) Order 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The principle of the Order was approved

NDM1928 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No 13) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Order

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The Order was approved

4.07pm

Motion to approve changes to Standing Orders

NDM1919 Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and Standing Order 34:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee e-mailed to Members and laid in the Table Office on 24th March; and

2. Approves the amendments to Standing Orders set out in the report of the Business Committee; and

3. Resolves that the revisions shall take effect from 25 April 2004.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The motion was carried

4.08pm

Debate on the Culture Committees Report on the policy review of English Medium writing in Wales

NDM1929 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Orders 6.5:

Notes the first report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee titled 'Welsh Writing in English', which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 24 March 2004.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 38; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 38

The motion was carried

4.57pm

Short Debate - NDM1918 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire); Maternity and Obstetric Services in Wales

The meeting concluded at 5.24pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 27th April 2004

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents Laid on 31 March 2004

- Report by the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee in respect of the Conservation(Natural Habitats etc)(Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2861

Documents Laid on 30 March 2004

- The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD2853
- The Valuation Tribunals (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2854
- The Valuation Tribunals (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2855
- Care Homes (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2856
- Care Homes (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2857
- LC878 The Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD2858
- LC877 The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2859
- LC879 The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 Commencement (No. 2) (W