

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 7th May 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered

2.48pm

Statement: The Minister for Education and Life-Long Learning made a statement on the Progress of the Basic Skills Strategy

3.18pm

Business Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs and Assembly Business

The business statement was agreed

3.22pm

Points of Order

The Minister for Rural Affairs and Assembly Business on the use of offensive language during debate.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas under Standing Order 6.28 on the length of time allowed for supplementary questions and answers.

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

3.34pm

Approval of the National BME Housing Action Plan for Wales

NDM1041 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Endorses the "National Black, Minority Ethnic Housing Action Plan for Wales" - emailed to Members on 29 April 2002;
2. Supports the actions set out in the Plan to help eliminate the discrimination and disadvantage experienced by Black, Minority Ethnic communities living in Wales; and
3. Recognises that delivering and developing the Action Plan will require all levels of government, sectors, organisations and individuals to work together.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 delete 'Endorses' and replace with 'Notes'

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete Point 2 and replace with:

Recognises that discrimination and intolerance are abhorrent to our society and agrees to promote a wider appreciation and understanding of all the cultures represented in Wales, in our schools, places of work and leisure, and in the government of our country.

Amendment 3 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises that adequate access to training for all involved, and extra resources will be needed to enable all levels of government, sectors, organisations and individuals to work together to deliver and develop the Action Plan.

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

At the end of the motion add new point:

Ensures that adequate and relevant publicity material is available, together with advice centres that are able to respond to enquiries and initiate action when required.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 53

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 8; Abstain 0; Against 46; Total 54

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 9; Abstain 15; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 4 was defeated

The motion

For 54; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 54

The motion was carried

4.17pm

Plaid Cymru nominated debate

NDM1043 - The National Assembly calls on the Government to:

1. open discussions with the UK Government on a fairer funding formula for the Assembly based on need;
2. ensure that the 'consequentials' of the increase in health spending announced in the recent budget are in the same proportion in Wales as the increases in England, recognising that the present Barnett formula would prevent the National Assembly delivering the same improvements in the NHS in Wales without seriously reducing the budget for other Assembly priorities;
3. press the case for an increase in the funding "on top of Barnett" to cover the large increase in the level of European Funding and public sector Match-Funding, necessary after 2003 if we are to avoid decommitment.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);

Delete points 2 and 3

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 6; Abstain 24; Against 24; Total 54

Amendment 1 was defeated

The motion

For 16; Abstain 0; Against 38; Total 54

The motion was defeated

The session concluded at 5.26pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 9th May 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 7 May 2002

The Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1394

Documents laid on 3 May 2002

'Deciding To Live Differently': The First (2000-2001) Sustainable Development Report Of The National Assembly For Wales - LD1393

'How We Are Learning To Live Differently': The Second (2001-2002) Sustainable Development Report Of The National Assembly For Wales - LD1392