

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**PART 2 – SECTION H**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2000\**

**The Session commenced at 9.05am**

**Questions to Mike German, Minister for Economic Development**

The first 6 questions were reached (Question 2 was withdrawn)

**9.23 am**

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

The first 6 questions were reached (Question 4 was withdrawn)

**9.42 am**

**Statement: The Minister for Health and Social Services made a statement on the outbreak of meningitis at Ynysboeth Infants School.**

**9.59 am**

**Points of Order**

**Rod Richards** raised a point of order about the timeliness of answers to written questions. The Minister for Assembly Business undertook to investigate the situation.

**Nick Bourne** raised a point of order about a reference by the First Minister to unpublished hospital waiting list figures during proceedings on the Statement about the Partnership Government's forward work programme on Tuesday 21 November. The Minister for Assembly Business confirmed that the reference was inadvertent and that the First Minister wished to place his apologies to the Assembly on the record.

**Lorraine Barrett** raised a point of order about the application of privilege to statements in the Assembly. The Presiding Officer confirmed that the Assembly's proceedings were protected by Section 77 of the Government of Wales Act 1998.

**10.06 am**

**Approval of the Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointments) Regulations 2000**

*To propose that the National Assembly:*

Considers the principle of The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

**A vote was taken:**

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

**The principle of The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000, was agreed**

*To propose that the National Assembly:*

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000, laid in the Table Office on 7 November 2000.

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

**A vote was taken:**

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

**The Children's Commissioner for Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2000, were agreed**

**10.20 am**

**Approval of the NHS (General Dental Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2000**

*To propose that the National Assembly:*

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000.

**A vote was taken:**

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

**The principle of The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000, was agreed**

*To propose that the National Assembly:*

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order, The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000 laid in the Table Office on 7

November;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 November 2000

**A vote was taken:**

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

**The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000, were agreed**

**10.28 am**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the chair**

**Debate on the Upgrade of School Buildings**

To propose that the National Assembly notes and welcomes the significant increases in capital expenditure for schools proposed in the Finance Minister's draft budget laid in the Table Office on 19th October 2000.

***The following amendments were tabled:***

**1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);**

Insert after "19<sup>th</sup> October 2000":

"but regrets that there has not been a noticeable improvement in the general condition of Welsh schools in the last three and a half years".

**2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);**

At end of motion add :

"and encourages the Education Minister and Local Authorities in Wales to utilise the full potential of the Private Finance Initiative to ensure that the level of capital investment in schools is maximised".

**3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Delete "significant" and insert at end of motion:

"and notes that the £5.9m increase in capital expenditure for schools barely scratches the surface of the £325m backlog in school repairs, as estimated by the WLGA."

**4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East); Add as bullet point at end of motion :**

"To propose that the National Assembly commits itself to providing improved and sustained investment in school buildings in Wales."

**5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as bullet point at end of motion :

"To propose that the National Assembly notes its disappointment that overall capital funding for education in 2001-02 will be lower than the current financial year by almost £12m."

**6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as bullet point at end of motion :

Recognises the important strategic role that Local Education Authorities continue to play in allocating funding for school repairs in Wales.

**7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as bullet point at end of motion

To propose that the National Assembly, in allocating future capital expenditure for schools, gives thorough consideration to:

a) the principles of sustainability;

b) the use by the wider community of school facilities.

**A number of members who are registered teachers and/or school governors declared their interest.**

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 52

**Amendment 1 fell**

**Amendment 2**

For 28; Abstain 7; Against 16; Total 51

**Amendment 2 was carried**

**Amendment 3**

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 3 fell**

**Amendment 4**

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

**Amendment 4 was carried**

**Amendment 5**

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 52

**Amendment 5 fell**

**Amendment 6**

For 44; Abstain 8; Against 0; Total 52

**Amendment 6 was carried**

**Amendment 7**

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 1; Total 51

**Amendment 7 was carried**

**The motion, as amended**

For 29; Abstain 15; Against 8; Total 52

**The motion, as amended, was carried**

**12.16pm**

**Short Debate: Phil Williams (South Wales East); The Future Role of Renewable Energy**

**The session concluded at 12.47pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2000

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 22 NOVEMBER 2000**

Promoting Health and Well-being

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 21 NOVEMBER 2000**

LC136- Legislation Committee Report- The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuel)(Amendments)  
(Wales) Regulations 2000

Report of the Business Committee on proposals for changes to the Assembly's Standing Orders