

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (177)**  
**Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 17th January 2006**

**The meeting commenced at 2.00pm**

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**Item 1 - Motion(s) to elect members to Standing Committees**

**NDM2758 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 8.4 and 16.2 elects Glyn Davies (Conservative) to its Committee on Standards of Conduct in place of Brynle Williams (Conservative).

**NDM2759 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 8.4 and 11.1 elects David Melding (Conservative) and Brynle Williams (Conservative) to its Legislation Committee in place of Glyn Davies (Conservative) and Laura Anne Jones (Conservative) and elects David Melding to chair the committee.

**A vote was taken on the motions:**

For 28; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 28

The motions were carried

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2.01pm

**Item 2 - Questions to the First Minister**

The first 10 questions were answered.

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**2.52pm**

**Item 3 - Business Statement**

The business statement was agreed.

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**2.58pm**

**Item 4 - Statement by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning:  
Arrangements for vetting and barring people who work with children**

**3.31pm**

*Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate votes*

**Item 5 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (No.1) for the financial year 2006-07.**

**NDM2760 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No.1) for the financial year 2006-07, laid in Table Office on 14 December 2005.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 29; Abstain 11; Against 17; Total 57

The motion was carried

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**Item 6 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2004-05 Amending Report.**

**NDM2761 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2004-05 Amending Report, laid in the Table Office on 14 December.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 29; Abstain 11; Against 17; Total 57

The motion was carried

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**Item 7 - Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2005-06 Amending Report.**

**NDM2762 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

In accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) (Councils) 2005-06 Amending Report, laid in the Table Office on 14 December.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 29; Abstain 11; Against 16; Total 56

The motion was carried

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**4.18pm**

**Item 8 - Debate on the Government of Wales Bill**

**NDM2763 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the publication of the Government of Wales Bill, which has received its second reading in the House of Commons.

*The Government of Wales Bill may be accessed via the following hyperlink:*

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmbills/100/06100.i-v.html>

**5.25pm**

## **Procedural Motion**

The Business Minister proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting until 6pm.

A vote was taken on the procedural motion:

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 3; Total 45

The procedural motion was carried

*The following amendments were tabled:*

### **Amendment 1. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Insert at end of motion:

"and deplores the proposed changes to the method of election to the National Assembly, whereby candidates will be excluded from contesting a constituency election if they appear on a regional list".

**A vote was taken:**

#### **Amendment 1**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 1 was defeated**

### **Amendment 2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that Wales should have a full legislative Parliament as proposed by the Richard Commission by 2011.

**A vote was taken:**

#### **Amendment 2**

For 18; Abstain 6; Against 34; Total 58

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

### **Amendment 3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add new point at end of motion

Believes that a referendum on gaining full legislative powers should be triggered only by a simple majority vote in the Assembly.

**A vote was taken:**

#### **Amendment 3**

For 18; Abstain 5; Against 35; Total 58

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the composition of committees should be a matter for the Assembly's standing orders rather than being laid down in statute.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 4**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 4 was defeated**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern that the proposed ban on dual candidacy is politically motivated and operates outside international democratic norms, and supports the view of the Electoral Commission that the case for change has not been made.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 5**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 5 was defeated**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the system of election to the National Assembly should be a single transferable vote, and believes that the current requirement for Assembly constituencies to be coterminous with Parliamentary constituencies should be removed.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 6**

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 58

**Amendment 6 was defeated**

**Amendment 7. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the extensive criticism (including that of the independent Electoral Commission) which has been made regarding the proposals to alter the method of election to the National Assembly, whereby candidates will be excluded from contesting a constituency election if they appear on a regional list.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 7**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 7 was defeated**

**Amendment 8. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Order in Council procedure will in practice amount to a primary legislative mechanism and that such an extension of the National Assembly's powers requires approval in a referendum.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 8**

For 11; Abstain 0; Against 47; Total 58

**Amendment 8 was defeated**

**Amendment 9. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Opposes the introduction of the d'Hondt system of election to subject committees as proposed in the Bill and believes that the current system of reflecting party balance in the Assembly in electing Committee members should be retained.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 9**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 9 was defeated**

**Amendment 10. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Bill should have put in place measures to ensure the implementation of the Richard Commission Recommendations by 2011.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 10**

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 58

**Amendment 10 was defeated**

**Amendment 11. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the view of the Electoral Commission that the ban on dual candidacy will not improve confidence in the electoral system in Wales.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 11**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 11 was defeated**

**Amendment 12. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Bill lays out a detailed system for the distribution of committee places and believes that this should be for Standing Orders to determine.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 12**

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 58

**In accordance with Standing Order 1.12 the Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative  
Amendment 12 was defeated**

**Amendment 13. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Secretary of State should only have the right to refuse to lay before Parliament an Order in Council from the Assembly in exceptional circumstances.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 13**

For 7; Abstain 0; Against 51; Total 58

**Amendment 13 was defeated**

**Amendment 14. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that in principle the range of powers contained in each Order in Council should be as wide as possible to enable the Assembly to develop imaginative and flexible policies, and calls on the Secretary of State to put clearly on record his attitude towards the breadth of powers in Assembly Orders in Council.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 14**

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 58

**Amendment 14 was defeated**

**Amendment 15. Kirsty Williams ( Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Assembly should be elected by the Single Transferable Vote system which would improve choice for electors.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 15**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 39; Total 58

**Amendment 15 was defeated**

**The motion**

**NDM2763 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the publication of the Government of Wales Bill, which has received its second reading in the House of Commons.

For 58; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 58

The motion was carried

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**The meeting concluded at 6.09pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on**

**Wednesday, 18th January 2006**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**



## DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

January 13, 2006

Document(s)

- [LD5257 - Education \(Determination of Admission Arrangements\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal](#)
- [LD5258 - Education \(Objections to Admission Arrangements\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal](#)
- [LD5259 - Education \(Variation of Admission Arrangements\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal](#)
- [LD5260 - New School \(Admissions\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal](#)
- [LD5261 - The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal](#)
- [\*\*LD5262 - The Approval Of Codes Of Management Practice \(Residential Property\) \(Wales\) Order 2006 - Regulatory Appraisal\*\*](#)