

**Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

**The Session commenced at 2.00pm**

**2.00pm**

**Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health and Social Services**

The first 9 questions were answered. Questions 1 & 2 were withdrawn.

**2.22pm**

**Questions to Jane Davidson , Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning**

The first 7 questions were answered. Question 4 was withdrawn.

**2.46pm**

The Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities made a statement on the introduction of business plans for Local Housing Authorities.

**2.55pm**

Debate on Regulatory Reform Order: Landlord and Tenant Act 1954

*No motion was tabled.*

**2.55pm**

**Debate on the Assembly Government's National Action Plan for a Bilingual Wales :  
"Iaith Pawb."**

**NDM1289 Carwyn Jones (Bridgend)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the Welsh Assembly Government's strategy for supporting and promoting the Welsh language as set out in *Iaith Pawb*, the national action plan for a bilingual Wales.

*The document can be located via the following links:*

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/subculture/content/action-plan-e.pdf>

<http://www.cymru.gov.uk/subculture/content/action-plan-w.pdf>

*The following amendments were tabled:*

*In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer determined the order in which they were taken and decided to group the following amendments for the purposes of debate. Votes were taken separately:*

(1),(2),(5),(6),(7),(8),(9),(10) + (11)  
(3) + (4)

**Amendment 1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

After 'Welsh Assembly Government's', insert "draft"

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

After a "bilingual Wales" at end of motion, add "and calls for the Government to publish a detailed action plan and timetable to accompany the strategy within six weeks"

**Amendment 3. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as a new bullet point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the commitment of previous Conservative Governments to reversing the decline of the language.

**Amendment 4. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add as a new bullet point at end of motion:

Promotes the importance of Welsh speaking parents encouraging their children to use the language.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

"Expresses concern at the levels of funding for the education-related aspects of the strategy."

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

"Calls on the Government to ensure designated funding to Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin to attract and retain nursery group staff in order to promote the development of Welsh medium education."

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that ensuring a growth in Welsh-medium education is an essential element in creating a bilingual Wales and recognises the need for a national strategic framework to this end.

**Amendment 8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as new point at end of motion:

"Calls for the Government to ensure that national definitions for Welsh-medium and bilingual education are established and brought into practice"

**Amendment 9. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as new point at end of motion:

"Notes the commitment in 'Our Language: Its Future' to ensuring that the right of pupils with special educational needs to have access to provision to meet their needs, in their language of choice on the basis of equality throughout Wales, is acknowledged and acted upon, and calls on the Government to implement this in its final strategy."

**Amendment 10. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Government to include in its strategy a commitment to growth in Welsh-medium further and higher education.

**Amendment 11. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the importance of increasing access to affordable housing in areas where the Welsh language is the natural first language of the community and calls on the Government to implement policies to achieve this

**A vote was taken on Amendment 1:**

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 2:**

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 3:**

For 36; Abstain 0; Against 13; Total 49

**The amendment was carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 4:**

For 21; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 50

**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 5:**

For 21; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 50  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 6:**  
For 21; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 48  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 7:**  
For 13; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 50  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 8:**  
For 21; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 49  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 9:**  
For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 10:**  
For 21; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 50  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on Amendment 11:**  
For 13; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 50  
**The amendment was not carried.**

**A vote was taken on the motion**  
For 37; Abstain 13; Against 0; Total 50.  
**The motion as amended was carried.**

**4.30pm**

**Short Debate - NDM1290 David Ian Jones (North Wales); Hospices: the need for financial stability**

**The session concluded at 4.53pm**

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

2.00pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003

*E P Silk*

*Clerk to the Assembly*

***DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET***

**Documents laid on 14 January 2003**

Annual Accounts of the National Council for Education and Training for Wales for the period ending 31 March 2002 - LD1796

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003-LD1798

The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.11) (Wales) Order 2003-LD1799

The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.10) and Transitional Provisions (Wales) Order 2003-LD1800

Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No. 14) Wales 2002-LD1801

Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003-LD1802

**Legislation Committee Reports Laid on 14 January 2003**

LC594 - The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1803

LC595 - The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1804

LC596 - The Long Residential Tenancies (Principle Forms) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1805

LC597 - The Education (Teachers' Qualifications and Health Standards) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1806

LC598 - The National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (Dental Charges) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1807

LC599 - The National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Amendment No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1808

LC600 - The National Health Service (General Medical Services) and (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1809

LC601 - The Kava-kava in Food (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1810

LC602 - The Smoke Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 - LD1811

LC603 - The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.2)

Regulations 2002 - LD1812

LC604 - The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2002 - LD1813