

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2001

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

**The Session commenced at 9.05am**

### **Questions to the First Minister on Economic Development**

The first 7 questions were answered

**9.27am**

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

The first 14 questions were answered. Questions 5 and 6 were withdrawn. Question 10 was not asked.

**9.45am**

### **Approval of the Mandatory Travel Concessions (Reimbursement Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

*NDM847 To propose that the National Assembly:*

Considers the principle of The Mandatory Travel Concession (Reimbursement Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 23 October 2001.

***The following amendment was tabled:***

**Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

*Add as new paragraph at end of motion:*

Requests that the Minister review reimbursement arrangements and eligible services with a view to including community transport as an eligible service under a future order, and requests that the Minister report the result of this review to the Environment, Planning and Transport committee by March 2002.

**A vote was taken:**

## **Amendment**

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 47

## **The amendment fell**

## **The principle of the Order**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

## **The principle of the order was approved**

*NDM848 To propose that the National Assembly:*

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Mandatory Travel Concessions (Reimbursement Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2001;
2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 23 October 2001;
3. Approves the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 12 November 2001.

## **A vote was taken on the Order**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

## **The Order was approved**

## **Approval of the Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (Wales) Order 2001**

*NDM849 To propose that the National Assembly:*

Considers the principle of The Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 23 October 2001.

## **The principle of the Order**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

## **The principle of the order was approved**

*NDM850 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);*

To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2001;
2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 23 October 2001.
3. Approves the Memorandum Of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 12 November 2001.

**A vote was taken on the Order**

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

**The Order was approved**

**10.20am**

**Motion to approve the draft Sheep And Goats Spongiform Encephalopathy (England & Wales) (Compensation) (Amendment) Order 2001**

*NDM851* To propose that the National Assembly:

Acting under Standing Order 22.25, 23.10 & 23.11:

Approves the draft Sheep And Goats Spongiform Encephalopathy (England & Wales) (Compensation) (Amendment) Order 2001, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 13 November 2001.

**A vote was taken on the Order**

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

**The Order was approved**

**10.21**

**The Minister for Assembly Business proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following item of business**

**A vote was taken:**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**The procedural motion was approved**

**10.21am**

**Approval of Presiding Office Budget**

*NNDM845 John Marek (Wrexham);*

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 19.5A, agrees the change in the level of resources allocated to the main expenditure group established for the Office of the Presiding Officer adopted for the Office for 2002-2003 and provisional allocations for the subsequent two years as set out in the Presiding Office Revised Budget For 2002-03 to 2004-05, laid in the Table Office on 14 November 2001.

**vote was taken:**

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

**The budget was approved**

**10.22am**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair**

**Approval of the Final Budget**

*NDM852* To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.3, adopts the final budget for the financial years 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, laid in the Table Office on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November by the Minister for Finance, Edwina Hart.

**A vote was taken:**

For 27; Abstain 12; Against 9; Total 48

**The budget was approved**

**11.33 am**

**Quinquennial Review on the Welsh Language Board**

*NDM853 To propose that the National Assembly,*

Welcomes the completion of the Quinquennial Review of the Welsh Language Board and the

Government of the National Assembly for Wales's response to the Review's recommendations.

*The English version of the Interim Report on the Quinquennial Review can be located on the Internet at: [http://www.wales.gov.uk/subieconomics/content/wlb/contents\\_e.htm](http://www.wales.gov.uk/subieconomics/content/wlb/contents_e.htm)*

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*The English version of the Final Report on the Quinquennial Review can be located on the Internet at: <http://www.wales.gov.uk/subieconomics/content/wlbfinal/cover-e.htm>*

*The Welsh version of the Final Report on the Quinquennial Review can be located on the Internet at: <http://www.cymru.gov.uk/subieconomics/content/wlbfinal/cover-w.htm>*

*The Government of the National Assembly for Wales's response to the Review's recommendations was laid in Table Office on 14 November 2001.*

***The following amendments were tabled:***  
**Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

**Amendment 1:**

*Add as new paragraph at end of motion:*

Welcomes the acknowledgement contained in the Quinquennial Review of the successful strategy for language acquisition amongst adults in the Basque country and aspires towards a similarly robust strategy for Wales.

**Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)**

**Amendment 2:**

*Add as new paragraph at end of motion:*

Stresses the need for adequate support for the Welsh Language Board to enable it to fulfil its functions with regard to the promotion of the Welsh language, in particular through education and training

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1 - Withdrawn**

**Amendment 2**

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

**Amendment 2 was approved**

**The motion, as amended**

For 40; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 40

**The motion, as amended, was approved.**

**12.00pm**

**Short Debate:**

***NDM846* Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd); The Children's Society.**

**The session concluded at 12.22pm**

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

**2.00pm on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**Legislation Committee Reports**

**Documents laid on 20 November 2001**

LC362: Special Waste (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1122

LC363: The Education (Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales) (Conferment of Function) Order 2001-LD1123

LC364: The Education (External Qualifications) (Description of Tests) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1124

LC365: The Colours in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1125

LC366: The Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1126

LC367: The Housing Renewal Grants (Prescribed Forms and Particulars) (Amendment No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1127

LC368: The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations LD1128

LC369: The Relocation Grants (Forms of Application) (Amendment No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2001-LD1129