

# **BUSINESS PAPERS**

## **Part 1- Section E**

### **WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF OPINION TABLED ON**

**1 November 1999**

R Signifies the Member has declared an interest

#### **OPIN-1999-0041 The importance of good relations with Europe**

Raised on 06 Oct 1999 by  
Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire  
Christine Humphreys - North Wales

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Val Feld – Swansea East

Geraint Davies - Rhondda

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Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales  
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Peter Black - South Wales West  
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*This Assembly deplores the xenophobic comments made by Lady Thatcher at the Conservative Party Conference on the night of 5th October 1999.*

*The National Assembly for Wales benefits from a positive relationship with Europe. We therefore disassociate ourselves from extremist statements, believing them to be extremely*

*dangerous and damaging to the future of Wales economically, socially, politically and culturally.*

## **OPIN-1999-0042 Support for Lady Thatcher**

Raised on 8 Oct 1999 by David Davies – Monmouth

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Jonathan Morgan LLB MSc – South Wales Central

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Nicholas Bourne LLB LLM - Mid and West Wales

Peter Rogers – North Wales

*This Assembly fully supports the enormous contribution made by Lady Thatcher to the social and economic wellbeing of Wales and the rest of the Country during her years as Prime Minister.*

## **OPIN-1999-0044 Campaign by Cofeb Tryweryn for national monument**

Raised on 12 Oct 1999 by

Ron Davies - Caerphilly

John Marek - Wrexham

16 Subscribers

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Janet Ryder - North Wales

Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli

David Rhys Lloyd – South Wales West

Owen John Thomas – South Wales Central

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

Gareth Jones - Conwy

Michael German OBE– South Wales East

Alison Halford - Delyn

*The Assembly will recall the flooding of the Welsh Village of Capel Celyn in 1957 by the Liverpool Corporation to provide water for its own development. The Assembly commends the 35 of the then 36 Welsh MP's who unsuccessfully opposed the flooding thereby demonstrating the need for Wales to have it's own national voice.*

*The Assembly supports the campaign by Cofeb Tryweryn to establish a permanent national monument on the shores of Llyn Tryweryn to commemorate this significant moment in Welsh history.*

## **OPIN-1999-0045 Millennium Pardon for Dic Pendryn**

Raised on 15 Oct 1999 by Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

8 Subscribers

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John Griffiths – Newport East  
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*The National Assembly calls upon the Home Secretary to offer a 'Millennium Pardon' to Dic Pendryn, the first Welsh working class martyr. Dic Pendryn was hanged for his part in the Merthyr Rising of 1831, based on unreliable and unsafe evidence, as an example to other working class people in South Wales who might have been driven to protest at the appalling injustices they suffered. The Assembly calls on the Home Secretary to make this civic gesture to the people of Merthyr Tydfil and to right a miscarriage of justice from the past in time to celebrate the Millennium.*

## **OPIN-1999-0050 Repeal of Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988**

Raised on 29 October by

Jenny Randerson – Cardiff Central

1 Subscriber

Peter Black – South Wales West

*This Assembly believes that Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 unfairly discriminates against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, and is a significant obstacle, preventing schools from dealing with homophobic bullying. We believe that the forthcoming Local Government legislation provides an ideal opportunity to repeal this measure.*