

# Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 14 February 2006.]

*Half term recess 20 - 24 February 2006*

**Tuesday 28 February 2006 & Wednesday 1 March 2006**

**Tuesday 7 March & Wednesday 8 March 2006**

**Tuesday 14 March & Wednesday 15 March 2006**

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**Tuesday 28 February 2006**

- **Motion to appoint an additional trustee to the National Assembly for Wales Members Pension Scheme (1 min)**
- **Motion to elect a Planning Decision Committee (1 min)**
- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health & Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, the Welsh Language & Sport (30 mins)**
- **House Committee Questions (5 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations revoke and replace the Seed Potatoes (Fees)

Regulations 1998 in relation to Wales. They prescribe the fees payable by applicants for classification of seed potatoes under the Seed Potatoes Regulations 1991.

- **The Contaminants in Food (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations make provision for the enforcement and enactment of European Community measures setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs and implement allied enforcement European Commission Directives. The Regulations will revoke and replace The Contaminants in Food (Wales) Regulations 2005, as amended.

**Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 section 3 and 24.25 (1 min)**

**The NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG) Abolition Order 2006**

This Order abolishes on 1 April 2006, the NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG), a Special Health Authority established under section 11 of the National Health Service Act 1977. The Order revokes the Order and Regulations specified in Schedule 1 (article 2) including the NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2004 and the NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG) Regulations 2004 and makes some consequential amendments. The Order also makes provision for the transfer of staff, rights, liabilities and property of the abolished Agency to another Special Health Authority, the NHS Business Services Authority.

**Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 section 3 and 24.25 (1 min)**

**The NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations amend the NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) Regulations 2005, which made provision concerning the membership and procedure of the NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT). The NHSBT is a Special Health Authority established, under the National Health Service Act 1977, by the NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005. The Regulations propose implementing the following:

- Regulation 2 provides that if suspended from post, a Chief Executive of the Authority would also be suspended as a member of that Authority;
- Regulation 3 provides for the disqualification from appointment as Chair and from non-officer membership of the Authority of anyone convicted of certain specified offences within the previous 5 years; and

- Regulation 4 provides for the disqualification from appointment of anyone removed from the management of Scottish Charities – in line with England and Wales.

**Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 section 3 and 24.25 (1 min)**

**The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations amend the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) Regulations 2005. The principal Regulations made provision concerning the membership and procedure of the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG), a Special Health Authority established under the National Health Service Act 1977 by the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005.

**Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 section 3 and 24.25 (1 min)**

**The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2006**

This Order amends the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 by extending the functions of the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) and by increasing and widening the membership of the Authority.

***Proposal to debate the following 5 items together but with separate votes (60 mins)***

- **The National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations set out the framework for Personal Dental Services (PDS) contracts under the National Health Service Act 1977. They also prescribe the conditions which must be met by a contractor before the LHB may enter into a PDS agreement with it. These are:

- the procedure for pre-agreement dispute resolution;
- the terms which must be included in a PDS agreement; and
- provision for the contractor to terminate its agreement and enter into a General Dental Services (GDS) contract.

Practices limited to orthodontics, or other specialist services (such as sedation), who would not be providing the full range of mandatory services, would provide services under a PDS agreement. PDS agreements would also be the likely form of contract for those migrating from PDS pilot schemes (although they will also have a choice of a GDS

contract). However, in a similar manner to GDS contracts, the services to be provided under a PDS agreement can also include mandatory services.

- **The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

New contractual arrangements for dentists providing NHS care are due to come into effect from 1 April 2006, which will reform the way that dentists work and end the 'item of service' regime, providing a guaranteed income and ending the need to maximise items of treatment to maintain income. A new payment system for patients is required to come into effect at the same time and in future it is intended that NHS dental charges will continue to bear relation to the level of service provided but will no longer be directly related to the dentists' remuneration. Instead of having over 400 separate payment charges, three band levels will be introduced covering complete courses of treatment. The new arrangements will apply throughout Wales and are not intended to increase the proportion of revenue raised from patients' charges but to ensure that there is greater clarity about the cost of NHS treatment for both dentists and the public. These Regulations introduce the new band levels and provide for the making and recovery of charges for the provision of dental treatment and the supply of dental appliances under the National Health Service Act 1977.

- **The National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations, which revoke The National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1992, will:

- set out the framework for General Dental Services (GDS) contracts;
- prescribe the conditions, which must be met by a contractor before the Local Health Board (LHB) may enter into a GDS contract with it;
- the procedure for pre-contract dispute resolution;
- the terms, which must be included in a GDS contract; and
- a description of the services, which must be provided to patients under a GDS contract.

Under a GDS Contract, the contractor will be required to provide a range of dental services set out in the Regulations to be known as 'mandatory services'. Remuneration under the new contract will not be on an item of service basis (as it is under the current arrangements for GDS).

- **The General Dental Services and Personal Dental Services Transitional Provisions (Wales) Order 2006**

From 1 April 2006 Local Health Boards (LHBs) will have a duty to secure or provide primary dental services in its area, to the extent that it considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements. LHBs will do this by contracting with dental practices, corporate bodies (companies authorised to provide NHS dental services under the Dentist Act 1984) or private providers, who agree to provide primary dental services or by providing the service itself through salaried NHS staff. These changes will be accompanied by devolution of the centrally held general dental services budget, which will transfer from the Welsh Assembly Government to LHBs to commission dental services.

This Order sets out the arrangements to be put in place to move contractors and potential contractors from the General Dental Services Regulations 1992 and Personal Dental Services (PDS) piloting under the National Health Service Act (Primary Care) Act 1997 to provision of primary dental services under the General Dental Services (GDS) contracts and PDS agreements.

- **The Functions of Local Health Boards (Dental Public Health)(Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations set out the functions to be exercised by LHBs in relation to dental public health; oral health programmes; dental inspection of pupils in schools and oral health surveys.

*Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (20 mins)*

- **Motion to approve The Transition from Primary to Secondary School (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations enable the National Assembly for Wales to require the governing bodies of maintained secondary schools in Wales and their feeder primary schools, jointly, to draw up plans to facilitate the transition of pupils from primary school to secondary school at the end of Year 6.

- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 29 Requirement for the production of Transition Plans and Guidance**

The proposed Transition from Primary to Secondary School (Wales) Regulations 2006 require the governing bodies of maintained secondary schools and their feeder primary schools, jointly, to draw up plans to facilitate the transition of those pupils moving from primary to secondary school who have completed Year 6.

The Requirement for the production of Transition Plans and Guidance

augments these Regulations by imposing a requirement on governing bodies of relevant schools maintained by a local education authority. It also provides for guidance, which may be given by the Welsh Assembly Government for the purpose of determining whether a particular school is to be regarded as a feeder primary school in relation to a particular secondary school.

Although the procedure under Standing Order 29.3(i) (consideration by the Subject Committee) is being disapplied in this instance, the legislation has been notified to the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee, but was not identified for detailed scrutiny. However, SO29.3(ii) (consideration by Legislation Committee) and SO29.3(iii) (consideration in Plenary) are not being disapplied

### Wednesday 1 March 2006

#### **Official opening of the new Assembly Chamber by HM the Queen**

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### Tuesday 7 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25(1 min)**
- **The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006**

The purpose of these Regulations is to give effect to a number of new Commission transitional and implementing measures made under EC Regulation 882/2004. The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2006 will revoke and replace the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2005. The remade Regulations will also reflect changes in other domestic legislation that are referred to in the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2005.

- **Motion to approve The Local Government (Improvement Plans)(Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**

This Order revokes and replaces The Local Government (Whole Authority Analyses

and Improvement Plans) (Wales) Order 2002 (SI 2002 No.886 (W.101)). It will:

- change the deadline for the publication of Local Authority Improvement Plans from 30 June each year to 31 October each year;
- change the deadline for the publication of the Auditor's report relating to an authority's improvement plan to 30 November each year; and
- remove the requirement for local authorities to conduct a whole authority analysis once every five years.

The above legislative changes are required to make the legal requirements for local authorities in Wales consistent with the revised Wales Programme for Improvement Guidance to local authorities on which the Assembly Government consulted between 29 April and 1 September 2005. This legislative change will implement a distinct Welsh policy as, in England, local authorities are required to publish their best value performance plans on 31 March each year.

- **Motion to approve the Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation)(Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**

This Order will require local authorities to consider the health and social needs of a vulnerable homeless person when deciding on the suitability of the accommodation to offer to homeless people in discharge of their duties. The Instrument will also restrict the length of time local authorities can place homeless people in Bed and Breakfast (B&B) establishments, and will impose a higher physical standard for all forms of temporary accommodation.

*Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (10 mins)*

- **Motion to approve The Government of Further Education Corporations (Revocation) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations will revoke three Statutory Instruments:

- The Coleg Menai (Government) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/1450);
- The Education (Government of Further Education Corporations) (Former Sixth Form Colleges) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1957); and
- The Education (Government of Further Education Corporations) (Former Further Education Colleges) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1963).

The Regulations also revoke the prescribed initial Instruments and Articles of Government for Further Education Corporations. These initial Instruments and Articles of Government for Further Education Corporations in Wales will then be replaced by a new set of Instruments and Articles of Government, which will be brought into force by the Further Education Corporations (Replacement of Instrument and Articles

of Government) (Wales) Order 2006 made under Standing Order 29. The Regulations listed were revoked in relation to England by S.I. 2002/1094. They will cease to have effect in relation to Wales following the making of this SI.

- **Motion to approve the Further Education Corporations (Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government ) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 29.3(iii)**

This Order brings into force a new set of Instruments and Articles of Government for Further Education Corporations in Wales. The new Instrument and Articles, which have been prepared at the request of the Further Education sector, will consolidate previous modifications, aid transparency, reflect good practice in governance and take account of legislative changes. The revised Instrument and Articles will also replace references to the Further Education Funding Council of Wales and the National Council for Education and Training in Wales (ELWa) with the "National Assembly for Wales" to take account of the forthcoming merger.

- **Motion to approve the Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information General Medical Services and Alternative Provider Medical Services Directions 2006 under Standing Order 29.3 (iii) (10 mins)**

These Directions will require Local Health Boards (LHBs) to comply with the Code of Practice on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information, which was issued as guidance to LHBs on 13 October 2005, and will take account of issues around patient confidentiality, data protection and freedom of information. The Directions will give legislative status to the guidance.

- **Motion to approve The Feeding Stuffs and the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations transpose:

- Commission Directive 2005/6/EC of 26 January 2005, which amends Directive 71/250/EC with regards to reporting and interpretation of analytical results required under Directive 2002/32/EC;
- Commission Directive 2005/7/EC of 27 January 2005, which amends Directive 2002/70/EC, establishing requirements for the determination of levels of dioxins and dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in feedingstuffs; and
- Commission Directive 2005/8/EC of 27 January 2005, which amends Annex 1 to Directive 2002/20/EC of the European Parliament and Council, on undesirable substances in animal feed.

- **Motion to approve The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, revoke and remake with amendments the TSE (Wales) Regulations 2002. They will continue to enforce obligations under EC Regulation 999/2001 and will consolidate and update the existing Welsh legislation and reduce repetition of powers in the Regulations.

- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the use of B&B's for the homeless (60 mins)**

### Wednesday 8 March 2006

- **Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (30 mins)**
- **Debate on School Discipline (60 mins)**
- **Short debate postponed from 25 January 2006 : Tamsin Dunwoody (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Old Relics, New Business: Archaeological and Historical (30 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

### Tuesday 14 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Commencement No.1 and Savings)(Wales) Order 2006**

This Commencement Order will bring into force provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 relating to the repeal of local authority waste disposal contracting-out requirements, the

extension of waste collection authorities' powers of investigation and a change to the appeals system relating to contaminated land. It also brings into force other provisions of the 2005 Act to the extent (and only to the extent) that those provisions enable the National Assembly for Wales to make, give or issue subordinate legislation. The Order also makes a saving in connection with the above-mentioned waste disposal contracting-out provision.

- **The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These amending Regulations are required to amend errors which have been identified by UK officials and the EU Commission. The milk quotas regime is governed by EU legislation, which is transposed into domestic legislation through the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations (DPQR) for each of the 4 UK administrations. These Regulations correct errors and omissions in The Dairy Produce Quota (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S. I. number 537(W.47)) and apply to the current quota year (2005-2006). Regulations are being brought forward by the other UK countries to address the same errors in their current equivalent Regulations.

- **Motion to approve The Revenue Support Grant (Specified Bodies)(Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The intended effect of this Instrument is to remove Syniad and the Public Private Partnerships Programme Limited (the "4Ps") from the list of specified bodies that receive revenue support grant and to add the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). This will allow the WLGA to receive revenue support grant in accordance with Sections 84E, 84F and 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Section 84E provides that revenue support grant may be paid to a specified body, being a body which provides services for local authorities and is specified in Regulations.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30mins)**

- **Debate on Huw Lewis` Standing Order 31 motion (60 mins)**

Standing Order 31 allows Assembly Members, other than Ministers, to make proposals for subordinate legislation. This motion proposes that the National Assembly for Wales supports in principle legislation to amend the General Medical Services Contract to require from GPs an annual health review for looked after children.

- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development and Transport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, Trefnydd in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport: The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee's report entitled 'Dance in Wales: A Review' (30 mins)**

The report was debated in Plenary on 24 January 2006

- **Debate on Primary Legislation Proposals in accordance with SO33.11 (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 minutes)**