

## Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004.]

Tuesday 12 October 2004 & Wednesday 13 October 2004

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Tuesday 12 October 2004

- Motion to elect local authority members to the Local Government Partnership Council (10 mins)
- First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)
  
- Business Statement (10 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration – the Welsh Assembly Government's Response to the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's Report on Housing for Older People (30 mins)

The Social Justice and Regeneration Committee carried out a policy review into the housing needs for older people as part of the wide ranging debate being conducted with the Welsh Assembly Government's "Strategy for Older People in Wales". The Report was agreed by the committee in July 2004 and debated in plenary on 29 September 2004.

- Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)
  
- The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004

These Regulations amend the Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Wales) Regulations 2000 to include new subsidy payments on the list of support schemes that are subject to modulation

- **Conservative nominated debate ( 45 mins)**
- **Debate on a Standing Order 31 motion (NNDM 2083) tabled by David**

### **Melding AM (60 mins)**

Standing Order 31 is a proposal put forward by an Assembly Member, who is not a member of the Government, to introduce a policy via subordinate

legislation .This motion takes the form of an Assembly instruction to the Minister for Health and Social Services to bring forward draft subordinate legislation to enable people with a learning disability to receive an annual health review.

## **Wednesday 13 October 2004**

- **Local Government & Public Services Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (15 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Sustainable Development Action Plan (60 mins)**

This debate will consider the Welsh Assembly Government`s Action Plan for implementing the Assembly's Sustainable Development Scheme and will also provide an opportunity to note the 2003/04 Annual Report on progress in implementing the Scheme, which was adopted in March 2004 and states how the Assembly as a whole will promote Sustainable Development i.e development which meets the needs of the present without prejudicing the ability of future generations to meet their needs, in all its fuctions

- **Debate on the Independent Commission`s Review of the Voluntary Sector Scheme (60 mins)**

The debate will focus on the Welsh Assembly Government`s proposals on how to take forward the Commission's recommendations

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

**Tuesday 19 October 2004**

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004**

These regulations provide for a 10% across-the-board increase in planning application fee levels in Wales.

- **The Food Safety (Act of Accession concerning the Czech Republic and other States) (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004**

These Regulations are required as a consequence of ten new Member States allowing terms specified in six existing Statutory Instruments to be added in the nine new Community languages. The Statutory Instrument enacts adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded set out in the 2004 Act of Accession. The changes required by the Act of Accession cover all areas of community law, and inevitably mean that some UK legislation that implements European legislation needs to be amended

- **The Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis)(Amendment)(Wales) regulations 2004**

The proposed legislation will make changes to guidelines for the microscopic identification of ingredients of animal origin in animal feeds and reflects technical advances which now permit the identification of very small quantities (less than 0.1%) of animal material. The new measure also specifies the procedures to be followed in conducting the analysis and calculating the results, which replace the optional methods used previously.

- **Motion to approve The Education (Health Standards)(Wales) Regulations 2004 (10 mins)**

These regulations restate with minor modifications the requirements in the Education (Teachers' Qualifications and Health Standards) (Wales) Regulations 1999 on employers of teachers and other staff at maintained schools and further education establishments to satisfy themselves as to the health and physical capacities of such staff.

- **Motion to approve The Disqualification from Caring for Children(Wales) Regulations 2004 (10 mins)**

These new regulations replace, with modifications, the Disqualification from Caring for Children (Wales) Regulations 2002, setting out categories of persons disqualified from registration as private foster carers, childminders or day care providers.

- **Motion to approve The TSE (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (10 mins)**

These regulations provide powers for the enforcement of EU legislation introducing controls on farms that have had a confirmed case of scrapie. It sets out procedures to be followed, regulates movement of animals and provides for potential derogations. It provides an appeals procedure and specifies compensation rates.

- **Motion to delegate the functions of The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England & Wales) Regulations 2003 to the First Minister (5 mins)**

In December 2004 the National Assembly for Wales, together with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, made The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England And Wales) Regulations 2003 The Regulations contain a number of functions available to, and place duties on, the National Assembly for Wales, mainly in its role of "appropriate authority". This motion will seek the Assembly's agreement to the delegation of all of the Assembly's functions within the Regulations to the First Minister.

- **Debate on the Energy Efficiency Action Plan (60 mins)**

The Energy Efficiency Plan for Action forms part of the Welsh Assembly

Government's energy strategy. The plan makes the link between the decisions

made regarding energy use and the effects of climate change. The plan also

highlights the work of agencies actively involved in energy efficiency and

announces the proposed set up of a portal to provide helpful links to websites

giving more detailed information on energy efficiency and other related matters.

## **Wednesday 20 October 2004**

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (15 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development & Transport (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the draft Budget (120 mins )**

This debate will provide an opportunity for Assembly Members to debate the Finance Minister's draft budget for 2005-06 and Indicative Allocations for 2006-07, which is to be published on 11 October 2004.

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

## **Tuesday 2 November 2004**

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate the functions of the Higher Education Act 2004 to the First Minister (60 mins)**

This is a motion to delegate to the First Minister , (as provided for by section 62 (1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998) , functions relating to student support and university tuition fees which are devolved to the Assembly by the Higher Education Act 2004.

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

## **Wednesday 3 November 2004**

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (15 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside (15 mins)**
- **Debate on matters relating to the European Union in accordance with Standing Order 6.6 (60 mins)**

The Assembly Standing Order 6.6 requires the National Assembly to have an annual debate on matters related to the European Union..

- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Local Government Partnership Scheme (60 mins)**

Section 113 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 requires the Assembly to make a scheme setting out how it proposes, in the exercise of its functions, to sustain and promote local government in Wales. Part II of Schedule 11 of the Act requires the National Assembly to publish an annual report of how its proposals in the Scheme have been implemented. The annual report for 2003-2004 has been considered by the Partnership Council and the Local Government and Public Services Committee and is now proposed for debate by the Assembly in plenary in accordance with standing order 6.6(x).

- **Short debate (30 mins)**