Motions and Amendments for Future Debate

No Named Day Motion Tabled on 21 June 2005

NNDM2491 Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West); leuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon); Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales); Mike German (South Wales East)

That the National Assembly for Wales in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Higher Education Act 2004, and in the light of the Assembly's resolution of 24th May which endorsed the principle that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Wales should receive funding flowing from that Act at a level commensurate with that provided to universities in England, the Welsh Assembly Government seeks the Assembly's approval to draw up a scheme of student support and linked university funding for the academic year 2007/8 onwards based on the following elements:

- 1. maximum deferred flexible fees in Welsh HEIs of up to £1,800, in addition to the existing fixed fee of £1,200;
- 2. fee remission grants of £1800 for Welsh domiciled students attending Welsh HEIs;
- 3. an undertaking to address any funding gap between Welsh HEIs and other comparable institutions in the UK, reporting back to the Assembly with proposals;
- 4. a scheme to assist students pursuing approved courses not available at Welsh HEIs;
- 5. a National Bursary Scheme to enhance access for students studying in Wales, financed from additional fee income;
- 6. further immediate work on funding and support for part-time students in Wales.

The Higher Education Act 2004 can be found on the following hyperlink. http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2004/20040008.htm