

Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (250)

Date: Wednesday, 7th February 2007

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2.00pm

Item 1: Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services

The first 10 questions were answered. Questions 1 and 4 were grouped together for answer. Question 8 was withdrawn.

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2.37pm

Item 2: Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside

The first 11 questions were answered. Question 2 was transferred for written answer.

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3.11pm

Item 3: Revised Draft Business Statement

The revised draft Business Statement was adopted.

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Point of Order

Leighton Andrews raised a point of order in relation to conduct in the Chamber.

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3.16pm

Item 4: Debate on the proposed new Standing Orders

NDM3451 Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves, for the purposes of paragraph 20(4) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, the Assembly's proposals for the Standing Orders which are to have effect in relation to the proceedings of the Assembly following the 2007 election, as set out in the report of the Committee on Standing Orders laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 30 January.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amedment - John Marek (Wrexham)

Delete all and replace with:

"1. Notes the Assembly's draft proposals for the Standing Orders which are to have effect in relation to the proceedings of the Assembly following the 2007 election, as set out in the report of the Committee on Standing Orders laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 30 January; and

2. Calls on the Committee on Standing Orders to meet again to consider any comments and opinions made in relation to the draft proposals, and to re-submit draft Standing Orders for submission to the Secretary of State for Wales, amended or otherwise, that take particular account of following points:

a) Standing Order 1.13 (v) to be deleted;

b) Standing Order 6.1 (iii): at beginning insert "times available for";

c) Standing Order 7.11 (iv): add at end "other than proposed by the Commission";

d) Standing Order 8.7: replace "for the purposes of clarification before resuming a speech" with "briefly";

e) Standing Order 8.8 to be deleted;

f) Standing Order 9.9: add at end "Amendments may be tabled to any statement of opinion provided they comply with Standing Orders and are no more than 50 words in length.";

g) Standing Order 9.10: (a) delete "if"; and (b) replace "is deemed by the Presiding Officer to be in order it" with "or any amendments compliant with Standing Orders";

h) *Standing Order 14.1: replace "to" with "that may";*

i) *Standing Order 16.1(i): add at end "(f) any ministerial code of conduct issued by the First Minister or Minister in his absence.";*

j) *Standing Order 23.47: add at end "Amendments made by a Minister must be selected.";*

k) *Standing Order 24.3: insert "24.3(a) No statutory instrument can be made under the provision of Standing Order 24.2 until it has been laid for 5 days and 10 Members have not signed a motion of dissatisfaction.";*

l) *Standing Order 25.1: insert "25.1(a) The Counsel General, if not a member of the assembly, may only make or confirm subordinate legislation if no Minister is available to do so.";*

m) *Standing Order 25.15: Insert at end ", but only if 10 Members have not tabled a motion of dissatisfaction";*

n) *Standing Order 27.6: Delete "or decrease";*

o) *Standing Order 27.7: Insert "at least" before "the subsequent two years" and delete the remainder;*

p) *Standing Order 27.27: insert at end of first sentence "or a member of the Commission" and insert at end "or a member of the Commission";*

q) *add new Standing Order 36:*

Standing Order 36 – Publication in Welsh and English

36.1 All legislative Assembly measures and documents laid before the Assembly must be in Welsh and English unless they are of such complexity that it is impractical to do so, or that the measure is considered an emergency.

36.2 Any measure or statutory instrument (whether under negative or affirmative provisions) or other document that is laid and is not in both languages must be accompanied by a statement giving reasons as to why it is not so."

A vote was taken on the amendment to the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total

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The amendment was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

The motion was agreed.

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4.05pm

Item 5: Debate on the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's Review of Youth Homelessness

NDN3453 Janice Gregory (Ogmore):

The National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 6.6 and 9.9, notes the report of the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee entitled Youth Homelessness "Everybody's Business no-one's Responsibility" laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	0	40

The motion was agreed.

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4.47pm

Item 6: Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Police) 2007-08

**5.00pm
Procedural Motion**

The Business Minister moved a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting for 20 minutes.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	4	33

The motion was agreed.

Item 6: Motion to approve the Local Government Finance Report (Police) 2007-08 (Continued)

NDM3454 Sue Essex (Cardiff North)

The National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No.2) (Wales) (Police Authorities) for the financial year 2007-08, which was laid in the Table Office on Tuesday 30 January by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	4	13	44

The motion was agreed.

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5.17pm

Item 7: Short Debate

NDM3452 Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central):

Promoting and Protecting the Urban Environment.

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The meeting concluded at 5.37pm.

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday,
13th February 2007**

Chamber Secretariat