

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**PART 2 – SECTION H**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2000**

**The session commenced at 2.00pm**

**2.00pm**

**Questions to the First Secretary**

The first 7 questions were reached

**2.34pm**

**Points of Order**

1. Peter Black

Expressed disappointment that the agenda and papers for the Partnership Council which had met the previous day were not available to either Members (other than Memembrs of the Committee) or the public and press on the Assembly's websites.

The First Secretary agreed that it was important that these papers were made available and would investigate. The Presiding Officer reminded the Assembly that the Partnership Council was not serviced by the Office of the Presiding Officer.

2. Jocelyn Davies

Expressed concern that the title for the debate on the response to the UK legislative programme the previous week had changed from "the Executive's" to "the Adminsitration's " to "Assembly's" response. She requested that the votes and proceedings should be amended to read "Adminstration".

The Business Secretary said that it had not been his intention to mislead. This was the Assembly's first time to debate the issue and lessons would be learn from the way it had been handled. He would report back to the Business Committee next week.

3. Jocelyn Davies

Concern about language used by Rod Richards in referring to Nick Bourne as "mealy-mouthed"

The Presiding Officer said that he thought that this was not appropriate language under the terms of the Protocol on Conduct in the Chamber. He would remind Mr Richards (who was not present in the Chamber during this exchange).

4. Helen Mary Jones

Also expressed concern about language used - a reference to domestic violence.

The First Secretary said that he had used a metaphor in a philosophical manner - no ill intention was meant.

The Presiding Officer reminded all Members to take care over remarks and metaphors that they used.

**2.41pm**

**Business Statement: the Business Secretary**

The business statement was agreed.

**2.43pm**

**Ratification of the Assembly's Budget in accordance with Standing Order 19.5**

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.5, ratifies the budget for the financial year 2000-01 laid in the Table Office on Tuesday 1st February by the Finance Secretary, Edwina Hart.

A vote was taken

For 28

Abstain 15

Against 14

Total 57

The motion was carried.

**3.49pm**

**Procedural motion under Standing Order 6.9 (to allow the debate on the Local Government Finance Report as a matter of urgent public importance)**

A vote was taken

For 56

Abstain 0

Against 0

Total 56

The motion was carried

**3.52pm**

**Debate on the draft Local Government Finance Report in accordance with Standing order 19.10**

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.11, and as a matter of urgent public importance, consideration of which the Assembly is authorised under standing order 6.9 approves the Local Government Finance Report for the financial year 2000-01 laid in the Table Office on Monday 7 February 2000 by the Finance Secretary, Edwina Hart.

**4.10pm**

**Point of Order**

Alun Cairns raised concerns about references to "Regional List" Members and their lesser standing within the Assembly.

The Presiding Officer stated that he was not aware that any derogatory references to these members had been made but agreed to check the record for confirmation.

**A vote was taken**

**For 28**

**Abstain 16**

**Against 14**

**Total 58**

The motion was carried

**4.59pm**

**Short Debate**

**Nicholas Bourne, (Mid and West Wales); An Export Council for Wales**

**The session concluded at 5.22pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at  
2.00 pm on Wednesday, 9th February 2000**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**Papers Laid in the Table Office since the Assembly last met in Plenary Session**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 7 FEBRUARY 2000**

Report of the Legislation Committee - The Local Government (Best Value) (Exemption) (Wales) Order 2000

Local Government Finance Report 2000-01 (amended)

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 3 FEBRUARY 2000**

Report of the Legislation Committee - The Beef Bones (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 1999 2nd Report

Report of the Legislation Committee - The Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Rate of Discount for 2000/2001) (Wales) Regulations 2000

Report of the Legislation Committee - The Local Government (Best Value) (Exemption) (Wales) Order 2000 - Amended Version Tabled On 07/02/2000

Report of the Legislation Committee - The Local Government (Best Value) (Reviews and Performance Plans) (Wales) Order 2000

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 2 FEBRUARY 2000**

The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000

The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000 - Explanatory Note

The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000 - Regulatory Impact Assessment  
Guidance on the Propriety Issues in the Handling of Planning Casework in the National  
Assembly for Wales - Code of Conduct for Members of the Planning Decision Panel  
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