

# **BUSINESS PAPERS**

## **Part 1- Section E**

### **WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF OPINION TABLED ON**

**2 December 1999**

R Signifies the Member has declared an interest

#### **OPIN-1999-0045 Millennium Pardon for Dic Pendryn**

Raised on 15 Oct 1999 by

Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

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Alun Pugh – Clwyd West

Geraint Davies - Rhondda

Kirsty Williams - Brecon & Radnorshire

Brian Hancock - Islwyn

Lynne Neagle - Torfaen

Alison Halford - Delyn

Janice Gregory - Ogmere

Ron Davies - Caerphilly

Val Feld – Swansea East

Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley

John Griffiths – Newport East

Brian Gibbons FRCGP - Aberavon

Carwyn Jones - Bridgend  
Lorraine Barrett – Cardiff South and Penarth  
Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire  
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*The National Assembly calls upon the Home Secretary to offer a 'Millennium Pardon' to Dic Pendryn, the first Welsh working class martyr. Dic Pendryn was hanged for his part in the Merthyr Rising of 1831, based on unreliable and unsafe evidence, as an example to other working class people in South Wales who might have been driven to protest at the appalling injustices they suffered. The Assembly calls on the Home Secretary to make this civic gesture to the people of Merthyr Tydfil and to right a miscarriage of justice from the past in time to celebrate the Millennium.*

## **OPIN-1999-0049 Credit Union Movement**

21 Oct 1999 Raised by

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Janice Gregory - Ogmore  
Elin Jones - Ceredigion  
Carwyn Jones – Bridgend

*The National Assembly wishes today on International Credit Union Day (October 21 1999) to celebrate the Credit Union movement by supporting the contribution it makes to the economic and social life of Wales. The National Assembly for Wales will help launch its latest reports today. We call on members of the Assembly to support the main recommendations in the reports to ensure the continued evolution of the credit union movement in Wales. We wish the credit union movement in Wales continued success and hope to see it play a major part in the continued development of Welsh life.*

## **OPIN- 1999-0054 Contribution of the Chartist Movement**

Raised on 10 November 99 by

John Griffiths - Newport East  
Lynne Neagle – Torfaen  
Michael German – South Wales East  
Jocelyn Davies – South Wales East

19 Subscribers

Karen Sinclair Clwyd South  
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Geraint Davies - Rhondda  
Brian Hancock – Islwyn  
Gareth Jones - Conwy  
Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley  
Ron Davies – Caerphilly  
Lorraine Barrett – Cardiff South & East  
Val Feld – Swansea East  
Brian Gibbons – Aberavon  
Phil Williams – South Wales East  
Alison Halford – Delyn  
Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Richard Edwards – Preseli Pembrokeshire  
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Owen John Thomas- South Wales Central

*November 1999 saw the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chartist Uprising in Newport. The National Assembly for Wales recognises and pays tribute to the important contribution of those Chartists and the movement in general to democracy and social justice in Britain.*

## **OPIN 1999-0058 Wildlife Protection and Access to Open Countryside Legislation**

Raised on 10 November 99 by

Sue Essex – Cardiff North

15 Subscribers

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South  
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Janice Gregory - Ogmore  
Pauline Jarman – South Wales Central  
Gareth Jones - Conwy  
Michael German – South Wales East  
Ron Davies - Caerphilly  
Carwyn Jones – Bridgend  
Lorraine Barrett – Cardiff South & East  
Christine Chapman – Cwm Cynon  
Alison Halford - Delyn  
Richard Edwards – Preseli Pembrokeshire  
Jenny Randerson – Cardiff Central  
John Griffiths – Newport East  
Peter Black – South Wales West

*This Assembly supports new legislation to give better protection to wildlife and to enhance quiet enjoyment of countryside life.*

## **OPIN-1999-0064 Arts Council for Wales**

Raised on 24 November by

John Griffiths – Newport East  
Lynne Neagle – Torfaen

3 Subscribers

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South  
Gareth Jones- Conwy  
Alison Halford – Delyn  
Richard Edwards – Preseli- Pmebrokshire

*The National Assembly for Wales notes the quality and professionalism of Gwent Theatre's work over many years and has grave concern regarding the Arts Council for Wales' decision to cease funding Gwent Theatre after the current financial year. The Assembly calls upon the Arts Council for Wales to make their decision-making process open and transparent and to hold talks with Gwent Theatre regarding these matters and the way forward.*

## **OPIN-1999-0068 Northern Ireland**

Raised on 30 November by

Alun Pugh – Clwyd West

1 Subscriber

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

*The National Assembly applauds the leadership shown in Northern Ireland; welcomes the setting up of devolved government in Northern Ireland and calls upon all parties to fulfil their obligations under the Good Friday Agreement.*

*The Assembly notes with approval the huge contribution made by the current Secretary of State for Wales during his period at the Northern Ireland Office.*

## **OPIN-1999-0069 Clwyd Theatr Cymru**

Raised on 30 November by

Alison Halford – Delyn

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Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

*The National Assembly for Wales esteems Clwyd Theatr Cymru's long record of quality and professionalism, and has grave concern regarding the Arts Council for Wales' decision to cease funding its youth project after the current financial year. The Assembly calls upon the Arts Council for Wales to make their decision-making process open and transparent and, as a matter of urgency, to hold talks with Clwyd Theatr regarding these matters and the way forward.*