

Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 24th November 2004

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

2.00pm

Question to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 11 was withdrawn.

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2.32pm

Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development and Transport

The first 8 questions were answered. Question 9 was Transferred for written answer. Question 15 was withdrawn.

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3.03pm

Point of Order

Jonathan Morgan under Standing Order 5.3 referred to the constraints of indicative timings on plenary debates.

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3.07pm

Motion to delegate functions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to the First Minister

NDM2186 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under section 62 (1) (b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998:

1. Resolves to delegate the functions of the National Assembly contained in or under the following provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated:

Section 1(3) - Transfer of functions of Assembly

- Section 5 - Studies relating to Registered Social Landlords
- Section 13 - Audit of accounts of local government bodies in Wales
- Section 14 - Appointment of auditors
- Section 37 - Extraordinary Audit
- Schedule 1 paragraph 9 - Best Value Audit and Inspections
- Schedule 2 paragraph 41- Certification of statements by Auditor General for Wales.

2. Nothing in the motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

3. This delegation will be made in the knowledge that those functions will, as appropriate, be further delegated to the appropriate Assembly Minister and to staff.

This motion does not operate so as to delegate to the Assembly First Minister functions which are conferred by or under the Public Audit (Wales) Act directly on the Audit Committee of the Assembly.

A vote was taken on the motion

For 49; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 49

The motion was carried

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3.25pm

Debate on the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee`s Policy review report of Special Education

NDM2184 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 6.6 and 9.9 notes the report of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee titled, 'Policy Review of Special Educational Needs - Part One: Early Identification and Intervention', which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to all Assembly Members on 17 November 2004.

3.30pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

A vote was taken on the motion

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

The motion was carried

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4.23pm

Debate on the Second Offer Scheme - No Motion Tabled

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4.23pm

Motion to debate the Periodic Timetable Statement

NDM2185 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

That the National Assembly for Wales acting under standing order 5.1, notes the proposed 6-month timetable of Assembly Business e-mailed to Assembly Members on 17 November 2004.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)

After 'That the National Assembly for Wales ', insert;

'considers the report of the Business Committee, laid in the Table Office on 18 November 2004 and, '

Amendment 2

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

David Melding (South Wales Central)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Business Minister to revise the timetable to ensure that subject committees meet at least once every two weeks.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 27; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 57

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 27; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 57

Amendment 2 was defeated

A vote was taken on the motion

For 30; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 57

The motion was carried

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5.00pm

Point of Order

Ieuan Wyn Jones on the role of the Business Minister

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5.02pm

Short Debate - NDM2183 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): www.impeachblair.org

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The meeting concluded at 5.26pm

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E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents Laid on 23 November 2004

- The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - LD3321
- The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3322
- The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3323
- The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales) Regulations 2005 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3324
- The General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Order 2005 - LD3325
- The General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Order 2005 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3326
- The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - LD3327
- The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3328

- The Council Tax (Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3329
- The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3330
- The Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (Wales) (No.2) Order 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD3331
- The Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (Wales) (No.1) Order 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD3332
- The Local Authorities (Changing Executive Arrangements and Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD3333
- The High Hedges (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD3334
- National Assembly for Wales' Budget 2005-2006 to 2007-2008: Final Budget Proposals - LD3335

Documents Laid on 22 November 2004

- Report by Education and Lifelong Learning Committee on: The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2004; and The General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD3320