

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 4 April 2006.]

Easter Recess 10 – 28 April 2006

Tuesday 2 May & Wednesday 3 May 2006

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Tuesday 2 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations disapply the requirements of the Programmes of Study for science at Key Stage 4 (pupils broadly aged 14-16 years) between September 2006 and August 2008 for pupils that are taught a course leading to an approved science qualification.

- **The Plant Breeders` Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use**

Exemption) (Wales) Order 2006

Plant Breeders' Rights (PBR) are a form of intellectual property designed specifically to protect new varieties of plants, akin to a patent but designed specifically to protect new varieties of plants. They entitle the holder to restrict third parties' activities with protected varieties, and to charge royalties on seed sales. They also provide incentives for plant breeding. Plant breeders' rights offer legal protection for the investment plant breeders make in breeding and developing new varieties. This service is open to breeders of any species of plant;

agricultural, horticultural and ornamental.

This Order discontinues the prior use exemption in section 9(5) of the Plant Varieties Act 1997 (the "1997 Act"), which exempts farmers from paying a royalty for the use of a protected variety where the variety was seed harvested by a farmer from propagating material planted on his own holding (farm saved) before the 1997 Act came into force (effectively May 1998).

- **Motion to approve The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) (Wales) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv) (20 mins)**

These Regulations will invoke the Bovine and Bovine Products (Trade) Regulations 1999, which currently implement the ban on export of beef and cattle from the UK in domestic law, and amend the TSE (Wales) Regulations 2002 in order for beef exports to resume in Wales alongside the rest of the UK.

- **Motion to approve The Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 section 3 (20 mins)**

These joint Regulations will amend the Plant Protection Products Regulations 2005 (as amended), which implement in England and Wales Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

- **Motion to approve The Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 section 3 (20 mins)**

The intended effect of these Regulations is to transpose Directive 2003/35/EC, the Public Participation Directive, into the action programmes in relation to nitrate vulnerable zones.

- **Motion to approve The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

(20 mins)

These Regulations relate to the National Assembly for Wales' powers to introduce provisions requiring relevant authorities in Wales (i.e. a county or county borough council) to incorporate into their standing orders certain provisions in relation to their staff, meetings and proceedings. These would include provisions that provide a measure of protection from dismissal for Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers, currently only available to Heads of Paid Service. Following the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000, the role of Monitoring Officers and Chief Finance Officers was enhanced to include a duty to provide advice on whether particular decisions taken were contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget. Giving these officers the same protection as currently enjoyed by the Heads of Paid Service would protect them from any attempts at dismissal that were politically motivated, owing to challenging the Council's decisions.

- **Motion to approve The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2006 (25 mins)**

This Order brings into force certain provisions of Part II of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on 3 May 2006 in relation to Wales. It also gives effect to transitional arrangements in respect of the procedures to be adopted in the processing of relevant orders (defined in the 2000 Act) made or applied for before the commencement of section 47 of the 2000 Act. The Order also effects certain consequential and related amendments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Highways Act 1980 and other primary legislation.

- Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)

Wednesday 3 May 2006

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, Trefnydd, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Statement: The Safeguarding Vulnerable Children Report (30 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under Part 3 of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 to the First Minister (10 mins)**

- **Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (20 mins)**

- **Motion to approve The Education (Parenting Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations prescribe additional conditions (additional to those in section 20 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003) to be met before a local education authority (LEA) may apply to a magistrates' court for a Parenting Order, under section 20 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. These Regulations apply to pupils excluded from schools in Wales. They provide an extra means by which LEAs can work with parents to improve pupils' behaviour. They set out:

- that a pupil must have been excluded either for a fixed term on more than one occasion within a twelve month period or permanently;
- that an application must be made within 6 months of the last occasion on which the pupil was excluded; and
- that the costs associated with the requirements of a parenting order shall be borne by the LEA.
- Motion to approve The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No5) (Wales) Order 2006

- **The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No. 5) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order brings into force in Wales on 5 May 2006 sections 19 to 22 and 24 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 relating to Parenting Contracts and Parenting Orders for the parents of school pupils. The sections brought into force are as follows:

- Section 19 provides for school governing bodies and local education authorities (LEAs) to enter into parenting contracts with a parent of a child who has been temporarily or permanently excluded or whose attendance is poor;
- Section 20 provides for the circumstances in which a LEA may apply to a magistrates court for a parenting order, the circumstances in which the court may make an order and the content and effect of an order;
- Section 21 requires magistrates' courts to consider, when determining whether to issue a Parenting Order, the family circumstances of pupils aged under 16 and the likely effect of the order on those circumstances. The courts must also consider the extent of the parent's willingness to enter into or comply with any Parenting Contract.

- Section 22 provides for a right of appeal against the making of a parenting order to the Crown Court; and
- Section 24 is an interpretation provision clarifying definition of terms.
- **Debate on a Standing Order 31 proposal from Alun Ffred Jones (60 mins)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 31.2:

Supports in principle legislation to bring forward a development order to require retail impact assessments to accompany planning applications for retail developments with floor space of over 1,000sq metres, and for those assessments to be prepared by an independent person agreed by the applicant and the local planning authority.

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 9 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Animal By-Products (Wales) Regulations 2006 (20 mins)**

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, revoke and re-make the Animal By-Products Regulations 2003, which made provision in Wales for the administration and enforcement of Regulation (EC) No. 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, (OJ No. L273).

- **Motion to approve The Education (National Curriculum for Wales (Disapplication of Science at Key Stage 4) Regulations 2006 (20 mins)**

These Regulations disapply the requirements of the Programmes of Study for science at Key Stage 4 (pupils broadly aged 14-16 years) between September 2006 and August 2008 for pupils that are taught a course leading to an approved science qualification.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (40 mins)**
- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 23 (5 mins)**

- **Debate on ESTYN – the Report of Her Majesty`s Chief Inspector of Schools (60 mins)**

Wednesday 10 May 2006

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside (30 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under Section 86 of The Equalities Act 2006 to the First Minister (15 mins)**
- **Debate on Local Museums, Archives and Libraries in community life (60 mins)**
- **Proposal to debate the following 3 items together but with separate debates (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee**
- **Motion to approve changes to Standing Order 4**
- **Motion to revise the Code of Conduct for Assembly Members**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 16 May 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Fish Labelling (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2006**

These Regulations update the existing national list of commercial designations for fish species (i.e. the designated common names such as ‘cod’, ‘salmon’, etc.) by replacing the Schedule to the Fish Labelling (Wales) Regulations 2003. The new Schedule includes a number of additions of new fish species to allow for newly commercialised species

in the marketplace and makes some changes to existing designations in light of new scientific information. These Regulations also clarify that commercial designations in the English language accepted in other EU Member States are considered to be names prescribed by law.

- **The Plant Health (*Phytophthora ramorum*) (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order implements Commission Decision 2002/757/EC (as amended by 2004/426/EC), which establishes emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* (a fungus-like plant pathogen, which can cause damage to trees and plants), within the Community insofar as it relates to material susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum*. It also implements Commission Decision 2004/278/EC, which introduces plant passport rules for plant material in trade between the European Community and Switzerland.

Emergency measures were required following the widespread outbreak of *Phytophthora ramorum* in the USA, and the subsequent outbreaks in Germany and the Netherlands in the mid 1990's. Although the pathogen has been found to be most damaging in the USA it has spread within Europe to Belgium, Finland, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and the UK.

- **Motion to approve The Education Act 2005 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2006 (20 mins)**

The purpose of this Order is to commence the provisions of Chapters 3 to 5 of Part 1; Chapters 6 and 7 of Part 1 not already in force; sections 71, 105, 106, 115, 116, 117 (in respect of paragraphs 1, 6 and 15 of Schedule 18), 118, 123 (in respect of Schedule 19), Schedule 2, Schedule 3 Schedule 4, Schedule 5, Schedule 6, Schedule 8, Schedule 18 (Part 4) Schedule 19 (Part 1, the repeals in the Children Act 1989, the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 and the Learning and Skills Act 2000) of the Education Act 2005.

The Order brings into force a number of provisions relating to school inspectors and school inspections in Wales including: the procedure for inspections, schools causing concern, inspection of local education authorities, child minding and daycare, independent schools and Careers Wales; statutory proposals relating to maintained special schools; provision and funding of higher education in maintained schools; admission arrangements to make special provision for looked after children; and attendance at alternative educational provision.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (50 mins)**

- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

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Wednesday 17 May 2006

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons, Minister for Health and Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to the House Committee (5 mins)**
- **Debate on the Manufacturing Industry (60 mins)**
- **Motion to debate the Report of the Railway Infrastructure Committee (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**