

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2000**

**PART 2 - SECTION H**

**The session commenced at 2pm**

**The Presiding Officer** made a statement on IT.

**2.01pm**

**The Minister for Assembly Business** proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.16 to enable the Assembly to elect members of the Business Committee.

A vote was taken:

For 40; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 40

The motion was carried

**The Minister for Assembly Business** proposed that the Assembly, acting under standing order 13.2, elects Kirsty Williams (Liberal Democrat) to the Assembly Business Committee in place of Jenny Randerson (Liberal Democrat) and elects John Marek (Deputy Presiding Officer) to Chair the Committee.

**A vote was taken:**

For 41; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 41

The motion was carried

**2.03pm**

**Questions to First Minister**

The first 10 questions were reached. Question 8 was withdrawn.

**2.36pm**

**The Minister for Environment and Transport** answered urgent questions under Standing Order 6.31 about the train crash at Traeth Mawr.

**2.44pm**

Val Feld raised a point of order about supplementary questions under Standing Order 6.30.

**2.50pm**

**Business Statement: the Business Secretary**

The business statement was agreed

**2.55pm**

**Education Act 1997: Proposal by Brian Hancock to bring forward Assembly Subordinate Legislation**

The Assembly resolves to instruct the Assembly Secretary for Education and Training to bring forward draft subordinate legislation under section 46(3) of the Education Act 1997. The objective to be achieved is:

to make provision for requiring the governing bodies of institutions within the further education sector, and the principals or other heads of such institutions, to secure that a programme of careers education is provided for all students aged 16-19 attending such institutions.

This regulation to apply to the whole of Wales.

**The following amendments had been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Brian Hancock (Islwyn);**

In bullet point, delete "all students aged 16-19" and replace with "all full-time students".

## **WITHDRAWN**

### **Amendment 2 - Andrew Davies**

Replace "Assembly Secretary for Education and Training" with "Minister for Education and Life-long Learning".

Insert "46(1) and" before "46(3)".

Insert new first bullet:

To make provision, to secure that a programme of careers education is provided for all pupils aged 16 - 19 attending maintained schools (except special schools established in hospitals) and pupil referral units.

Add after existing bullet:

In the case of institutions within the further education sector that objective is to be achieved by imposing a duty to provide such a programme on the governing bodies of such institutions and on the principals or other heads of those institutions.

In the case of the other educational establishments that objective is to be achieved in the case of schools by imposing such a duty on governing bodies and head teachers, and in the case of pupil referral units by imposing such a duty on local education authorities maintaining, and teachers in charge, of such units.

**A vote was taken:**

### **Amendment 2**

For 49 ; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 49

### **Amendment 2 was agreed**

**A vote was taken on the motion, as amended,**

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

**The motion, as amended was agreed**

**3.34pm**

### **Minority Party Debate: Conservative**

Regrets the failure of the Labour led administration to recognise the needs and interests of Wales, outside of Glamorgan, as reflected in the composition of the new Cabinet announced on 16 October

2000.

**The following amendment had been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add at the end of the motion

'Recognises that the relocation of certain government departments and the headquarters of other public agencies outside of Cardiff would help to compensate for this failure and calls upon the Government of Wales to give active consideration to this over the next two years.'

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 19; Abstain 1; Against 28; Total 48

**Amendment 1 fell**

**A vote was taken on the motion**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 47

**The motion fell**

**4.24pm**

**Introduction of the Care Standards Act 2000**

To propose that the National Assembly welcomes the introduction of the Care Standards Act 2000 (available on the HMSO web site [www.HMSO.gov.uk](http://www.HMSO.gov.uk)) and the new functions provided for:

- I. The National Assembly to act as the single regulator in Wales for social care, childminding and day care for under 8's and independent sector acute health care;
- I. To establish the Care Council for Wales to regulate and raise standards in the social care workforce in Wales; and
- I. To establish the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

And the Assembly notes that a programme of secondary legislation will be submitted for National Assembly approval over the next 12 months to give practical effect to the range of new powers provided in the Act.

**The following amendments had been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);**

Add at end of motion:

'The National Assembly notes that the Care Standards Act furnishes only limited and initial statutory powers to the Children's Commissioner.'

**Amendment 2 - Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);**

Add at end of motion

' The Assembly calls on the First Minister to make representations to the Secretary of State for Wales so that in the next Queens Speech there is a free standing bill providing the Children's Commissioner for Wales with full statutory powers in line with the policy of the National Assembly.'

**A number of Assembly Members declared their interest as Members of Local Authorities**

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**Amendment 1 was carried**

**Amendment 2**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**Amendment 2 was carried**

**A vote was taken on the motion, as amended,**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**The motion, as amended was carried**

**The session concluded at 5.13pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**9.05 am on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2000**

**J W Lloyd**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET IN PLENARY**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 19 OCTOBER 2000**

National Assembly for Wales' Draft Budget 2000 - Draft Budget for 2001-02 to 2003-04  
National Museums and Galleries of Wales - Financial Report 1999/2000

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 18 OCTOBER 2000**

Memorandum of Corrections Pursuant to Standing Order 22.12A - The Home Energy  
Efficiency Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2000