

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 15th October 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

The Presiding Officer welcomed David Ian Jones AM to his first plenary meeting.

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 11 questions were answered. Question 1 was withdrawn.

2.45pm

Statement: The Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh language made a statement on the Wales Millennium Centre

3.13pm

Business Statement: The Business Minister

The business statement was agreed.

3.29pm

Procedural Motion

The Business Minister proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following No Named Day Motions 1169 and 1170:

A vote was taken on the motion

For 54; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 54

The motion was carried

3.30pm

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No 3)(Wales) Order 2002

NNDM1169 - To propose that the National Assembly considers the principle of The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No 3)(Wales) Order 2002 laid in the Table Office on 2 July 2002.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 9; Total 54

The principle of the order was approved

NNDM1170 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Considers

The report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No 3)(Wales) Order 2002, laid in the Table Office on 16 July 2002;

2. Approves

That the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 July 2002.

A vote was taken on the Order

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 9; Total 53

The Order was approved

3.32pm

Approval of the Assembly's Draft budget

NDM1168 - To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.2, takes note of the draft budget for the financial years 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-06, laid in the Table Office on 7 October 2002 by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities, Edwina Hart.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

At end of motion add new point;

Notes with concern the severe depletion of budgetary reserves and the potential adverse consequent effect on the ability of the Government to respond to contingencies and changing spending priorities.

Amendment 2- Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

At end of motion add new point;

Condemns the lack of financial support for a transport system fit for the 21st century.

Amendment 3-Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

At end of motion add new point;condemns the Welsh Assembly Government for the failure to recognise the need to increase funding in key areas of the budget such as: a) Drug and Alcohol initiatives b) Housing c) Health promotion and Family Health Services

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

At end of motion add new point;

Calls for greater transparency in the way funding for frontline services in health and education is recorded in the budget.

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

At end of motion add new point;

Affirms the need to review the Barnett Formula to fully reflect the needs of Wales, given that the impact of the current formula means that increases in the Welsh block fail to match corresponding increases in England.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 31; Total 54

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 8; Abstain 15; Against 31; Total 54

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 32; Total 54

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 31; Total 54

Amendment 4 was defeated

Amendment 5

For 15; Abstain 0; Against 39; Total 54

Amendment 5 was defeated

The motion

For 31; Abstain 0; Against 23; Total 54

The motion was carried

Debate on the Wales Millennium Centre - *No motion was tabled*

The session concluded at 5.33pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 16th October 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 10 October 2002

Equal Opportunities Annual Report - LD1599

Documents laid on 7 October 2002

National Assembly for Wales' Budget 2002-2004 to 2005-2006 Draft Budget Proposals - LD1598

Documents laid on 3 October 2002

Annual Report and Accounts of the Auditor General for Wales for the period ended 31 March 2002 - LD1596

Qualifications, Curriculum & Assessment Authority for Wales Annual Report & Accounts 2001-2002 - LD1597

Documents laid on 26 September 2002

General Teaching Council for Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2001-2002 - LD1595

Documents laid on 11 September 2002

Managing the Estate of the National Health Service in Wales - Cabinet Response to the Report of the Audit Committee - LD1594

Documents laid on 6 September 2002

Cabinet response to Audit Committee Report 06-02: "Finances of NHS Wales" - LD1593

Documents laid on 19 August 2002

Wales Tourist Board Statements of Accounts for the year to 31 March 2002 - LD1592

Documents laid on 1 August 2002

Audit Committee Report 07-02: Managing the Estate of the National Health Service in Wales -

LD1591

Documents laid on 30 July 2002

Audit Committee Report 05-02 - The Arts Council Of Wales: Centre for Visual Arts - LD1590

The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Report Recommendations of the Audit Committee, following the presentation of their report (05/02: Centre for Visual Arts) on 19 June 2002 - LD1589

Documents laid on 25 July 2002

Audit Committee Report 06-02 - Finances of NHS Wales 2002 - LD1588

Documents laid on 24 July 2002

Training and Enterprise Councils in Wales: Amalgamated Income & Expenditure Account for the period to 31 March 2001 - LD1587

Documents laid on 23 July 2002

Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution Account 2001-02 - LD1582

Welsh Language Board Accounts 2001-2002 - LD1583

Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution Account 2001-02 - LD1584

Welsh Language Board Annual Report 2001-2002 - LD1585

Meat Hygiene Service Annual Report and Accounts for 2001-2002 - LD1586