

BUSINESS PAPERS

PART 1 – SECTION H

RECORD OF VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 1999

The session commenced at 2pm

2.00pm

Presiding Officer Statements

The Presiding Officer informed members that he now has a touch screen computer concealed in his desk-top and can be contacted by e-mail in the Chamber by e-mailing seat number 1.

The Presiding Officer informed members that due to the large number of questions recently received in the Table Office, some replies may take a little longer than usual.

2.01pm

Point of Order

Christine Humphreys informed the Assembly that the translation facilities were not working in the public gallery. The Presiding Officer halted proceedings whilst this was investigated and rectified.

2.03pm

Election to the Committee on European Affairs

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with standing order 8.3 and 15.4 elects Nick Bourne (Conservative) to its Committee on European Affairs in place of Rod Richards (Conservative).

The motion was carried

Election to the Health & Social Services Committee

To propose that the Assembly, acting in accordance with section 57(8) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and standing order 8.3 –

elects Peter Rogers (Conservative) to its Health & Social Services

Committee in place of Nick Bourne (Conservative).

The motion was carried

Election to the Committee on European Affairs

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with standing order 8.3 and 15.4 elects Jonathan Morgan (Conservative) to its Committee on European Affairs in place of William Graham (Conservative).

The motion was carried

Election to the Local Government & Environment Committee

To propose that the Assembly, acting in accordance with section 57(8) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and standing order 8.3 –

elects David Davies to its Local Government & Environment Committee in

place of Peter Rogers (Conservative).

The motion was carried

2.05pm

The Presiding Officer welcomed David Hansen to the Plenary Session

2.06pm

Questions to the First Secretary

The first 4 questions were reached.

2.27pm

Urgent Question to the First Secretary

Peter Black (South Wales West) ;Will he outline what action he proposes to take to alleviate the impact of the loss of 296 jobs in Bairdwear factories in Pontardawe and Maesteg and what discussions he has had with this company with regards to the future of its other factories in South Wales.

2.36pm

First Secretary Statement

The First Secretary informed members that the Assembly had been awarded Investor in People status.

2.38 pm

Business Statement: the Business Secretary

The business statement was adopted.

2.42 pm

Matter of Urgent Public Importance

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales) proposed the following debate as a matter of urgent public importance to be immediately considered.

Motion : That the Assembly take urgent action to help Welsh farmers and rural communities in the light of the crisis being faced by the agriculture industry in Wales.

The procedural motion was put to the vote and carried. The substantive motion was then put to the Assembly, debated and carried

3.49 pm

The Sustainable Development Scheme

The Assembly notes and endorses the principles relating to sustainable development that are set out in the statement of principles laid in the Table Office on Thursday 9 September 1999.

Motion proposed by Christine Gwyther

The following amendment was selected

Peter Black (South Wales West); at the end of the text insert " and resolves to consider proposals for the establishment of a sustainable development committee to be brought forward in accordance with standing order 8.1 - 8.2.

The amendment fell

The motion was carried

4.58 pm

Short Debate on the Implementation of Compensation Scheme for Miners

The topic was proposed by Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon)

The session concluded at 5.29pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Wednesday 15 September 1999

Papers laid before the Assembly:

21st July

Assembly Funding Statement

4th August

Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics 1998

3rd September

The Local Government Act 1999 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 1999

9th September

Sustainable Development - Statement of Principles

10th September

Establishment of a Sustainable Development Committee

Children and Youth - A framework for Partnership

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly