

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 15th March 2005.]

Recess 21 March 2005 – 8 April 2005

Tuesday 12 April & Wednesday 13 April 2005

Tuesday 19 April & Wednesday 20 April 2005

Tuesday 26 April & Wednesday & Wednesday 27 April 2005

Tuesday 12 April 2005

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Countryside Access (Appeals Procedures)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations will amend the Countryside Access (Appeals Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2002 to introduce a fast-track procedure for the determination of appeals brought by a landowner or farmer (against a relevant authority) due to an application for an exclusion or restriction on access land, for the purpose of fire prevention, being declined.

- **The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations provide enforcement authorities (local authorities) with powers to enforce European Community trade requirements and take account of the recent enlargement of the

EU. They implement EU provisions relating to intra-Community trade in live animals and genetic material (semen, ova and embryos). They also implement EU provisions relating to imports of live animals from non-EU countries. They revoke and re-enact the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.

- **The Marketing of Fruit Material (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations will implement Commission Directive 2003/111/EEC which amends Council Directive 92/34/EEC to update the Marketing of Fruit Plant Material Regulations 1995. The Regulations incorporate further species and genera of fruit plant propagating material within the scope of legislation to reflect their increased importance in the plant importing and exporting marketplace.

- **The Air Quality Limit Values (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations amend the Air Quality Limit Values (Wales) Regulations 2002, which implement, in relation to Wales, Article 8 (3) of Council Directive 96/62/EC on ambient air quality assessment and management, Council Directive 99/30 EC relating to limit values for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter and lead and Council Directive 2000/69/EC relating to limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air. The amendments are made primarily in order to transpose Article 2 of Directive 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council providing for the public participation in respect of drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment.

- **The Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2005**

This Order will bring the Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004 into force in Wales on 18 April 2005. The Act requires local authorities to inform carers that they may have a right to a carers' assessment; specifies matters to be considered in the assessment; and makes provision for co-operation between statutory agencies.

- **The Sweeteners in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2005**

The new Regulations will amend the Sweeteners in Food

Regulations 1995 (as amended) in Wales to implement all existing European legislation relating to sweeteners and establishing purity criteria for sweeteners. They will transpose and implement Council and Commission Directives 2003/115/EC and 2004/46/EC. Council Directive 2003/115/EC amends Directive 94/35/EC permitting the use of two new sweeteners, sucralose (E955) and salt of aspartame-acesulfame (E962) in the European Union (EU). Council Directive 2004/46/EC, amends Directive 95/31/EC, laying down specific purity criteria for these two new sweeteners. These Regulations authorise the use of the two new sweeteners and change the conditions of use for two existing sweeteners - cyclamic acid and its sodium and calcium salts (E952; "cyclamate"), and aspartame (E951).

- **Motion(s) to delegate functions under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 to the First Minister and delegate functions under the Data Protection Act 1998 ,the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 to the House Committee (15 mins)**
- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (60 mins)**

Wednesday 13 April 2005

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Andrew Davies ,Minister for Economic Development and Transport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Debate on Clywch (60 mins)**

The purpose of this debate is to provide the National Assembly with an opportunity to debate the progress which has taken place in considering and implementing the Children's Commissioner's recommendations contained in his Clywch Report

- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 19 April 2005

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- ***Proposal to debate the following 2 items together but with separate votes (30 mins)***
- **Motion to approve The Adoption Agencies (Wales) Regulations 2005**

These Regulations form the basic framework for the entire adoption process. The Regulations cover:

- arrangements for the establishment of adoption panels;
 - the duties agencies have in respect of:
 - i. ensuring proper processes for adoption, which protect the welfare of children who may be adopted;
 - ii. considering and deciding whether a child should be placed for adoption;
 - iii. considering and deciding whether a prospective adopter should be approved to adopt;
 - iv. considering and deciding on the proposed placement of a child with an approved prospective adopter.
 - the matters to be taken into account by an adoption agency in assessing prospective adopters;
 - the preparation of reports for the adoption panel in respect of the suitability of the prospective adopters to adopt;
 - the provision of preparation and training services for those prospective adopters;
 - the need for panels, in determining the suitability of a couple to adopt a child, to have proper regard to the need for stability and permanence in their relationship;
 - the need for adoption agencies to maintain proper records; and
 - the agencies assessment of prospective adopters suitability to adopt a child who is habitually resident outside the British Islands and notification of the approval to the National Assembly for Wales.
- **Motion to approve The Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Commencement No8) (Wales) Order 2005**

The intended effect of the Order is to commence those parts of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 that give the National

Assembly for Wales the power to make Regulations in relation to adoption support services. This will enable the Assembly to consider Regulations required to bring the Act fully into force and to replace Regulations made under the Adoption Act 1976.

- ***45 minutes reserved for subordinate legislation***
- **Debate on the EDT Committee's Report on Economic Inactivity (60 mins)**
- **Motion to approve a Special Grant Report: Local Road Safety (15 mins)**

Wednesday 20 April 2005

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services. (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside. (30 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services : Local Government Planning Rationalisation (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve Special Grant Report: Performance Management Development Fund (15 mins)**
- **Debate on the Standards Committee response on Freemasonry (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 26 April 2005

- **First Minister's Question Time (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- ***Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)***
- **The School Lunches (Prescribed Requirement)(Wales) Order 2005**

The School Lunches (Prescribed Requirement) (Wales) Order 2005 will replace the Education (School Lunches) (Prescribed Requirement) (Wales)

Order 2003 as the wording of the 2003 Order is not clear. The intention of the 2003 Order was that nursery pupils had to be in attendance for the full day (i.e. in attendance at morning and afternoon sessions and present over the lunch break) on any day that they attended nursery school in order to qualify for a school lunch. It was not intended that, to qualify, a nursery pupil had to attend all day for five days each week. The 2005 Order clarifies the criteria qualification of nursery pupils to a school lunch whether paid for or free and will ensure that entitlement of nursery age pupils to school lunch, whether paid for or free, is consistent across Wales. The new Order will prescribe that "a pupil receiving nursery education must be present for two full sessions on any day on which he or she attends school in order to qualify".

- ***30 mins reserved for subordinate legislation***
- **Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee`s Report on the contribution of Arts and Sports to Community Regeneration (60 mins)**

The Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee undertook a policy review on the contribution of Arts and Sport to Community Regeneration. The Report considers

- the links between arts policy, sport policy, and community regeneration policy;
- how local arts and sports projects can contribute to community regeneration;
- support mechanisms for community regeneration-related arts and sport projects;
- best practice in community regeneration-related arts and sport projects
- recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government

Wednesday 27 April 2005

- **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 Heads of the Valley Initiative (60 mins)**

The Heads of the Valleys Programme is a long-term (10-15 years), cross sectoral programme to take forward the on-going regeneration of the Heads of the Valleys in the context of the Wales Spatial Plan. The programme looks to strategically address the root-causes of the issues faced by the Heads of the

Valleys and spread prosperity to the area by building on and ensuring the maximum impact from the significant levels of investment being made into the area.

- **Debate on the "Historic Environment" (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**