

Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 17th March

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

2.00pm

Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Local Government and Public Service

The first 7 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 4 were grouped. Questions 8 and 12 were withdrawn.

2.22pm

Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport

The first 11 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 8 were grouped. Question 6 was withdrawn.

2.40pm

Questions to the House Committee

No questions were tabled.

2.40pm

Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport: Middleton, The National Botanic Garden of Wales

3.14pm - *No motion was tabled*

Motion to approve under SO 22.27(iv) the Accounting Audit (Wales) Regulations 2004

3.14pm

Debate on Primary Legislation bids

NDM1873 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 31.9:

1. Endorses the Cabinet's proposals for Bills in the next Parliamentary session as set out in the document laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 10 March 2004; and
2. Requests the Cabinet to pursue these proposals with the UK Government and press for primary legislation, which reflects the particular needs of Wales and respects the role of the Assembly.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 delete 'Endorses' and replace with 'Notes'

Amendment 2 - *This was not selected*

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

In point 1 delete 'endorses' and replace with 'notes'.

Amendment 3

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

'Requests the Cabinet to pursue with the UK Government a Second Government of Wales Act to reconstitute the National Assembly as a Welsh Senedd with primary law-making powers.'

If Amendment 3 is carried, Amendment 4 will fall

Amendment 4

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

In point 2 delete 'these'.

Amendment 5

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new bullet point at the end of the motion:

'Calls on the Cabinet to negotiate with the UK Government to bring forward a new Government for Wales Act that would devolve primary legislative and tax varying powers to the National Assembly.'

Amendment 6

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new bullet point at the end of the motion

'Deplores the failure of the Cabinet to secure the UK Government agreement on their proposals for Wales only legislation since 1999.'

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 6; Abstain 0; Against 48; Total 54

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 36; Total 53

Amendment 4 was defeated

Amendment 5

For 14; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 54

Amendment 5 was defeated

Amendment 6

For 18; Abstain 6; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 6 was defeated

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 38; Abstain 0; Against 16; Total 54

The motion was carried

4.15pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

4.15pm

Motion to debate the end year MEG to MEG transfers

NDM1872 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.5, approves the changes to Main Expenditure Groups for the financial year 2003-04.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

The motion was carried

4.24PM

Motion to approve Periodic Timetable

NDM1874 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the proposed 3-month timetable of Assembly e-mailed to Members on 10 March 2004, under standing order 5.1.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)

Insert at beginning of motion:

'Considers the report of the Business Committee, laid in the Table Office on 11 March 2004, and '

Amendment 2

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion:

' and calls on the Business Minister to revise the timetable to ensure that subject committees meet at least once every two weeks.'

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 55

Amendment 2 was defeated

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 30; Abstain 0; Against 25; Total 55

The motion was carried

4.51pm

Point of Order

Ann Jones on the conduct of Members in the Chamber

4.53pm

Short debate - NDM1871 Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); Cancer Services: The Importance of Prevention

The meeting concluded at 5.20pm

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

• Documents Laid on 16 March 2004

- The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2805
- The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2806
- The Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2807
- The Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2808
- The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2004 Report - LD2809
- The Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD2810
- The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services etc) (Repeatable Prescriptions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD2811
- The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2812
- The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2813

- The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 Commencement (No. 2) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD2814
- National Assembly for Wales' Budget 2004-2005 to 2006-2007 Supplementary Budget Proposals - LD2815
- Assembly Government response to the Report of Audit Committee on Compensating Farmers for bovine tuberculosis in Wales - LD2816

Documents Laid on 15 March 2004

- The Community Health Council Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD2784
- The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2004 - LD2785
- The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2786
- The Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2004 - Explanatory Memorandum - LD2787
- The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2788
- The Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2789
- The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2790
- The Education (School Performance Information) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2791
- The Education (Pupil Information) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2792
- The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) (Wales) Order 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD2793
- The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2794

Committee Reports Laid on 16 March 2004

- LC861 The Water Act 2003 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD2795
- LC863 The Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2796
- LC864 The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services etc), (Repeatable Prescriptions) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2797
- LC865 National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2798
- LC866 The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2799
- LC860 The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2800
- LC862 The Litter and Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD2801

- LC871 The Education Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD2802
- LC851 The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2803
- LC850 The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2804