

Notices of Motions and Amendments for Future Debate – 29 March 2001

Motions tabled on 22 March 2000

Short Debate Topic

NDM600 Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire); I'm not a racist but...

NDM601 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001.

NDM602 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001;

approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001 and the Memorandum Of Corrections laid in Table Office on 20 March 2001.

NDM603 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Beef Labelling (Enforcement)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2001.

NDM604 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The Beef Labelling (Enforcement)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2001;

approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2001.

NDM605 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001.

NDM606 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

considers the report of the Legislation Committee, which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001;

approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001.

NDM607 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (Dental Charges) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001.

NDM608 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (Dental Charges) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001;

approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001.

NDM611 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

- Approves:

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses & Remission of Charges)(Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses & Remission of Charges)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001.

- Approves:

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001, and:

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations

2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001.

- Approves:

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001, and:

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001..

- Approves:

The Local Authorities (Capital Finance)(Rate of Discount for 2001-2002) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 14 March 2001, and:

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Capital Finance)(Rate of Discount for 2001-2002) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2001.

NDM609 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly:

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 9.9, notes the report from the Health & Social Services Committee, in conjunction with the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, entitled "The Implications for Wales of the Phillips (BSE) Inquiry Report", which was laid in the Table Office on 21 March 2001.

NDM610 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.4, adopts the Supplementary Budget for the financial years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, laid in the Table Office on Wednesday 21 March by the Minister for Finance and Communities, Edwina Hart.

NDM612 Andrew Davies (Swansea West);

To propose that the National Assembly resolves:

1. That a committee, to be known as Planning Decision Committee 2001/2, be established, in accordance with Standing Order 35, to discharge the functions of the Assembly in determining an application under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and an appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and linked Listed Building Consent appeal, in respect of the matters identified in the Schedule to this motion, and that the Assembly's functions in that respect be delegated to that Committee;

2. That the members of that Committee be:

Richard Edwards

John Griffiths

Rhodri Glyn Thomas

David Davies

3. That the Committee shall cease to exist when the Chair of the Committee signs decision letters in accordance with Standing Order 35.16 or on the 11 May 2001 whichever is the earlier save that the date specified by this paragraph may be varied or further varied at any time by resolution of the Environment, Planning and Transport Committee at the request of the Chair of the Planning Decision Committee.

4. That if the Committee shall cease to exist without the Chair having signed decision letters in respect of the matters identified in the Schedule to this motion then in that event the functions identified in paragraph 1 above are, in relation to such matter, delegated to the First Secretary.

Schedule

Application by Anglesey Boat Company Ltd for proposed construction of a marina and facilities building, car park and boat storage at Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey.

Planning appeal by Mrs R E Davies for proposed creation of ground floor flat at Manor House, Vine Square, Llanfyllin, Powys.

LINKED CASE

Listed Building Consent appeal for proposed internal alterations to form two flats and art gallery, creation of new window and alteration to existing external door at Manor House, Vine Square, Llanfyllin, linked to the planning appeal by Mrs R E Davies, will also be considered by the Planning Decision Committee.

Amendments Tabled on 26 March 2001

To propose that the Assembly resolve to adopt the following amendments to the above motions:

NDM603

William Graham (South Wales East);

After 27 February 2001, add a bullet point:

- calls on Ministers to secure stronger import controls on inferior foreign meat imports.

William Graham (South Wales East);

After 27 February 2001 add a bullet point:

calls on the Assembly to make rapid progress toward implementation of a policy of honesty in food labelling.

NDM605

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion

and calls on the Labour / Liberal Democrat Partnership Administration to bring forward legislative proposals to end prescription charges in Wales.

NDM607

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion

and calls upon the Labour / Liberal Democrat Partnership Administration to bring forward legislative proposals to promote universal free dental check ups in Wales.

Amendments to Orders Tabled on 27 March 2001

Motion Reference NDM606

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)

Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the Assembly resolves to make the following amendments to the **The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances)(Wales) Regulations 2001** a draft of which was laid in the table office on **14 March 2001**

Amendment 1

Insert after Regulation 8 (1) (f)

g) a registered full time student over the age of 25

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Cost Benefit Analysis for proposed amendment to NDM 606: National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Introduction

The amendment adds the category of registered full-time students over the age of 25 to the categories exempt from payment.

This accompanying document provides an estimate of the costs and benefits of implementing the motion.

A. Objectives

The primary objective to be achieved by this measure is to exempt the category of registered full-time students over the age of 25 from paying prescription charges.

B. Assessment of Costs

COST CATEGORY	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
(annual costs except where stated)	Do nothing/do minimum.	Amend subordinate legislation adding students aged 25 and over whose home authority is in Wales to the classes of those exempt from prescription charges.
Direct costs (Costs falling on the Assembly which are directly attributable to the option)		Funding costs of approximately £700,000-750,000. Minimal translation, printing and publicity costs as regulations are due to be amended and reprinted. Limited marginal additional staff costs for consulting on revisions and preparing revised draft legislation for consideration by the Assembly.
Indirect costs (Costs falling on the Assembly which cannot be directly attributed)		Accommodation costs. In-house copying, telephones, lighting etc
Opportunity costs		Plenary Costs – Assembly staff time (incl Legal, Committee Sec, Chamber Sec, ROP, Translation)
Other costs (including costs falling on other bodies and unquantified costs)	Unquantifiable costs resulting from students not seeking medical treatment at appropriate time.	Some administrative costs for health authorities etc for implementation of new exemption.
Total costs (including unquantified costs)	Minimal.	Approximately £700,000 to £750,000 direct costs. Unquantified Indirect, Opportunity and Other costs.

E. Justification

Financial hardship is a grave concern for all students. NUS' Student Hardship Survey (1999) found that 73.3% of full time undergraduates were in debt, 71.4% of p/t undergraduates and 76.6% of postgraduates. The survey found that mature student have substantially more debt than any other students do. They often require more support and have more previously incurred debt. For 1998/9, DfEE figures show the drop-out rate to be approaching 20%. For mature students, and those in institutions with a high proportion of mature students or students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the rate rises to 40%. Prescription charges are in themselves an iniquitous tax on sickness. Removing prescription charges from this category would be a small but significant step towards reducing student hardship for this vulnerable group

F. Course of Action

If the Assembly so resolves, the Assembly Secretary shall bring forward the draft Order within a period of 3 months from the date of the Assembly resolution.

Motion Reference NDM608

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West)

Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the Assembly resolves to make the following amendments to the **The National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (Dental Charges)(Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2001** a draft of which was laid in the table office on **14 March 2001**

Amendment 1

Insert after Regulation 3 (1) (f) (ii)

iii) is a registered full time student over the age of 25

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Cost Benefit Analysis for NDM 608 The National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (Dental Charges) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Introduction

The amendment adds the category of registered full-time students over the age of 25, to the categories to those exempt from paying for dental check-up's.

This accompanying document provides an estimate of the costs and benefits of implementing the motion.

A. Objectives

The primary objective to be achieved by this measure is to exempt the category of registered full-time students over the age of 25 from paying for dental check-up's.

B. Assessment of Costs

COST CATEGORY	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
(annual costs except where stated)	Do nothing/do minimum.	Amend subordinate legislation adding students aged 25 and over whose home authority is in Wales to the classes of those exempt from charges for dental check-ups.
Direct costs (Costs falling on the Assembly which are directly attributable to the option)		Funding costs of approximately £25,000. Minimal translation, printing and publicity costs as regulations are due to be amended and reprinted. Limited marginal additional staff costs for consulting on revisions and preparing revised draft legislation for consideration by the Assembly.

Indirect costs (Costs falling on the Assembly which cannot be directly attributed)		Accommodation costs. In-house copying, telephones, lighting etc
Opportunity costs		Plenary Costs – Assembly staff time (incl Legal, Committee Sec, Chamber Sec, ROP, Translation)
Other costs (including costs falling on other bodies and unquantified costs)	Unquantifiable costs resulting from students not seeking dental treatment at appropriate time.	Some administrative costs for implementation of new exemption.
Total costs (including unquantified costs)	Minimal.	Approximately £25,000 direct costs. Unquantified Indirect, Opportunity and Other costs.

E. Justification

Financial hardship is a grave concern for all students. NUS' Student Hardship Survey (1999) found that 73.3% of full time undergraduates were in debt, 71.4% of p/t undergraduates and 76.6% of postgraduates. The survey found that mature students have substantially more debt than any other students do. They often require more support and have more previously incurred debt. For 1998/9, DfEE figures show the drop-out rate to be approaching 20%. For mature students, and those in institutions with a high proportion of mature students or students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the rate rises to 40%. Extending exemption for dental check-up charges to this category would be a small but significant step towards reducing student hardship for this vulnerable group

F. Course of Action

If the Assembly so resolves, the Assembly Secretary shall bring forward the draft Order within a period of 3 months from the date of the Assembly resolution.