

**Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 16th June**

**The meeting commenced at 2.00pm**

**2.00pm**

**Questions to Jane Hutt, Minister for Health and Social Services**

The first 8 questions were asked.

**2.29pm**

**Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning**

The first 7 questions were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn.

**3.02pm**

**Debate on Quinquennial Review of ACCAC**

*NDM1996 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

Welcomes the completion of the Quinquennial Review of the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (ACCAC) and the Welsh Assembly Government's Cabinet response to the Review.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1**

**Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 9; Abstain 0; Against 41; Total 50

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 50

**The motion was carried**

**3.47pm**

# **Debate on Regional Selective Assistance and Assembly Investment Grant –progress report and the way forward**

*NDM1997 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the continuing success of the Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) and Assembly Investment Grant schemes in supporting investment and job creation by companies in Wales and further welcomes the refocusing of RSA to better address the changing economic needs of Wales.

## **The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1**

**Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Delete all and replace with:

Notes the use of the Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) and Assembly Investment Grant schemes in supporting investment and job creation by companies in Wales and recognises the RSA policy failure and calls for the refocusing of RSA to better address the changing economic needs of Wales.

### **If amendment 1 is carried, amendment 2 would fall**

### **Amendment 2**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Delete all after 'To propose that the National Assembly for Wales' and replace with:

'Regrets that the small and medium sized business sector which the Assembly Investment Grant is designed to aid has suffered from the axing of the Business Birth rate Strategy and by the regular changes in the funding streams that aim to develop SMEs in Wales.'

### **Amendment 3**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

'And notes with concern the problems caused to businesses on or near the boundaries of European structural fund and other regeneration funded areas and calls on the assembly

government to introduce measures to soften the impact on businesses of these funding boundaries.'

**Amendment 4**  
**Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add new point to end of motion:

Recognises the disproportionate spend level of RSA across the Assisted Areas map and expresses concern over the widening wealth gap between Wales and the rest of the UK as well as the growing poverty divide within Wales.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 48

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 9; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 49

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 48

**Amendment 4 was defeated**

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 38; Abstain 11; Against 0; Total 49

**The motion was carried**

**4.52pm**

**Short Debate - NDM1995 Sandy Mewies (Delyn); Who Cares about Carers?**

**The meeting concluded at 5.18pm**

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**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**Documents Laid on 11 June 2004**

- The Wales Centre for Health (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) Regulations 2004 - LD2992

**Documents Laid on 10 June 2004**

- National Minimum Standards Applicable to Adult Placement Schemes - LD2991