

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (130)  
Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 20th April 2005**

**The meeting commenced at 2.00pm**

**Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services**

The first 11 questions were answered. Questions 3+9 were grouped together for answer.

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**2.33pm**

**Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside**

All questions were answered. Questions 1+2+7+12 and 10+15 were grouped together for answer. Questions 5+6+9 were withdrawn.

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**3.01pm**

**Statement by the Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services : Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act**

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**3.17pm**

**Motion to approve Special Grant Report (Wales 2005): Social Services Performance Management Development Fund**

To propose that the National Assembly:

Under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act, 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (Wales 2005): Social Services Performance Management Development Fund which was laid in the Table Office and circulated to Assembly Members on 13 April 2005.

**A vote was taken:**

The motion  
For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45  
**The motion was carried**

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**3.34pm**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer Takes The Chair Debate on the Standards Committee response on Freemasonry**

The National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order No. 37:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee containing a Report of the Committee on Standards of Conduct "Registration of Membership of the Freemasons" (LD3644) laid in the Table Office on 12 April 2005; and

2) approves:

- a) the proposed changes to the guidance for registering and declaring Assembly Members' financial and other interests; and
- b) the proposed amendments to Standing Orders.

**A vote was taken:**

The motion  
For 37; Abstain 2; Against 7; Total 46  
**The motion was carried**

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**4.20pm**

**Short debate**

**NDM2378 Janet Ryder (North Wales): Education, Education, Education.**

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**The meeting concluded at 4.48pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 26th April 2005**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

Documents Laid on 12 April 2005

- Business Committee Report -Proposal to Change Standing Orders- Registration of Membership of the Freemasons - LD3644**

Documents Laid on 11 April 2005

- The Audit Committee's report 'Procurement in the Higher Education Sector in Wales' - LD3643**
- The Adoption Agencies (Wales) Regulations 2005- Regulatory Appraisal - LD3642**
- The National Assembly for Wales Consolidated Resource Accounts 2003 - 2004 - LD3655**

Committee Reports laid on 12 April 2005

- LC1044 - The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3645**
- LC1050 - The Central Rating List (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3646**
- LC1051- The Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Commencement No. 8) (Wales) Order 2005 - LD3647**
- LC1052 - The School Lunches (Prescribed Requirement) (Wales) Order 2005 - LD3648**
- LC1055 - Head Teachers' Qualifications and Registration (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3649**
- LC1056 - The Fodder Plant Seed (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3650**
- LC1057 - The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Commencement No.3 and Consequential and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2005 - LD3651**
- LC1058 - The Food with Added Phytosterols or Phytostanols (Labelling) (Wales) Regulations 2005 - LD3652**
- LC1059 - The Council Tax (Situation and Valuation of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - LD3653**
- LC1060 - The Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities and Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 - LD3654**