

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 11th February 2003

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered.

2.50pm

Business Statement: The Business Minister

More than 10 Members objected to the business statement

A vote was taken on the business statement

For 39; Abstain 0; Against 13; Total 52

The business statement was approved

3.00pm

Motion to approve The Education (Pupil Referral Units)(Appeals Against Permanent Exclusion) (Wales) Regulations 2003

NDM1338 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Appeals Against Permanent Exclusion) (Wales) Regulations 2003 laid in the Table Office and emailed to members on 4 February 2003.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

The principle of the order was approved

NDM1339 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Approves that The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Appeals Against Permanent Exclusion) (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and emailed to members on 4 February 2003.

[To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii)].

A vote was taken on the Order

For 43; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 43

The Order was approved

Motion to approve The Voluntary Adoption Agencies and the Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) - Regulations 2003 under Standing Order 23.10, 23.11 and 22.25 - WITHDRAWN

NDM1340 - To propose that the National Assembly:
Acting under Standing Order 23.10, 23.11 & 22.25:

Approves:

- a) The draft Voluntary Adoption Agencies and the Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2003 ; and
- b) The Explanatory Memorandum laid in Table Office on 28 January 2003; and
- c) The Regulatory Appraisal laid in Table Office on 28 January 2003.

3.17pm

Motion to approve the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003

NDM1341 - To propose that the National Assembly:
Considers the principle of The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2003 laid in the Table Office on 14 January 2003.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The principle of the order was approved

NDM1342 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003, laid in the Table Office on 21 January 2002;
2. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 January 2003 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in Table Office and emailed to Members on 4 February 2003.

A vote was taken on the Order

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The Order was approved

3.25pm

Motion to appoint persons to administer the Oath (in accordance with section 20 (2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998

NDM1332 - The National Assembly for Wales resolves that any person occupying a post of Clerk to

the Assembly, Deputy Clerk to the Assembly, or in the absence of both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, a member of the Senior Civil Service within the Presiding Office shall be a person appointed by the Assembly under section 20 (2) of the Government of Wales Act to be a person before whom the oath can be taken or the affirmation made.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 42; Abstain 2; Against 0; Total 44

The motion was carried

3.32pm

Debate on Health and Social Services Committee's report on Health Services for Children with Special Needs

NDM1343 - To propose that:

The National Assembly for Wales notes the Report of the Health & Social Services Committee on its Review of Services for Children with Special Health Needs, which was laid in Table Office on 11 December 2002.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47

The motion was carried

4.31pm

Debate on Future of Agri-Environmental Scheme

NDM1344 - To propose that:

The National Assembly for Wales recognises the valuable contribution made by the Tir Gofal and Organic Farming Schemes to the promotion of environmental sustainability in Wales, and agrees that every effort should be made to broaden the scope of future agri-environmental schemes, subject to the outcome of the Mid Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy, so that environmental benefits across Wales are maximised.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Acknowledges the contribution to the development of organic farming in Wales by the organic centre Wales.

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Regrets the failure of the Government to apply money modulated from EU support payments to agri-environmental schemes in an acceptable time frame.

Amendment 3 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Regrets the failure of the Coalition Government to make announcements about annual maintenance payments to organic farmers within an acceptable time frame.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

Amendment 1 was carried

Amendment 2

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 44

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 26; Total 44

Amendment 3 was defeated

The motion, as amended

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45

The motion, as amended, was carried

The session will conclude by 5.21pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at
2.00pm on Wednesday, 12th February 2003

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents Laid on 10 February 2003

Welsh European Funding Office Annual Accounts 2001-02 - LD1876

Documents Laid on 7 February 2003

Care Council for Wales Annual Report and Accounts: 1 October 2001 - 31 March 2002 - LD1875

Documents Laid on 6 February 2003

The National Assembly for Wales Consolidated Resource Accounts 2001-2002 - LD1874

Documents Laid on 5 February 2003

The Local Authority Adoption Service and Miscellaneous Amendments (Wales) Regulations 2003 - LD1866

Report of the Business Committee on Proposals to Change Standing Order 6.9 - LD1873