

Forward Look

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[Notified by the Business Minister in a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, 7 March 2006.]

Tuesday 14 March & Wednesday 15 March 2006

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Tuesday 14 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport: The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee's report entitled 'Dance in Wales: A Review' (30 mins)**

The report was debated in Plenary on 24 January 2006

- **Statement by the Minister with responsibility for Equal Opportunities: Equal Pay (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Dairy Produce Quotas (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

These amending Regulations are required to amend errors which have been identified by UK officials and the EU Commission. The milk quotas regime is governed by EU legislation, which is transposed into domestic legislation through the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations (DPQR) for each of the 4 UK administrations. These Regulations correct errors and omissions in The Dairy Produce Quota (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S. I. number 537(W.47)) and apply to the current quota year (2005-2006). Regulations are being brought forward by the other UK countries to address the same errors in their current equivalent Regulations.

- **Motion to approve The Children (Prescribed Orders- Northern Ireland, Guernsey and Isle of Man)(Amendment) Regulations 2006 under Standing Order 25 Section 3 (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Revenue Support Grant (Specified Bodies) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (15 mins)**

The intended effect of this Instrument is to remove Syniad and the Public Private Partnerships Programme Limited (the "4Ps") from the list of specified bodies that receive revenue support grant and to add the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). This will allow the WLGA to receive revenue support grant in accordance with Sections 84E, 84F and 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Section 84E provides that revenue support grant may be paid to a specified body, being a body which provides services for local authorities and is specified in Regulations.

- **Plaid Cymru Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under Section 19(2) (C) of the Railways Act 2005 to the Economic Development and Transport Committee (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report No3 2006 – 2006 : Local Road Safety (10 mins)**

Wednesday 15 March 2006

- **Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration (30 mins)**

- **Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development and Transport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Jane Hutt, Trefnydd in accordance with Standing Order 6.28 and as specified in the list of Ministerial responsibilities (30 mins)**
- **Motion to delegate functions under The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 to the First Minister (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Commencement No.1 and Savings)(Wales) Order 2006**

This Commencement Order will bring into force provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 relating to the repeal of local authority waste disposal contracting-out requirements, the extension of waste collection authorities' powers of investigation and a change to the appeals system relating to contaminated land. It also brings into force other provisions of the 2005 Act to the extent (and only to the extent) that those provisions enable the National Assembly for Wales to make, give or issue subordinate legislation. The Order also makes a saving in connection with the above-mentioned waste disposal contracting-out provision.

- **Debate on Huw Lewis' Standing Order 31 motion (60 mins)**

Standing Order 31 allows Assembly Members, other than Ministers, to make proposals for subordinate legislation. This motion proposes that the National Assembly for Wales supports in principle legislation to amend the General Medical Services Contract to require from GPs an annual health review for looked after children.

- **Commonwealth Debate (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 minutes)**

Tuesday 21 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Statement by the Health and Social Services Minister: The supply of oxygen contract (30 mins)**
- **Motion to approve under Standing order 24.25 (1 min)**
- **The Brucellosis (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order revokes and substantially re-enacts the Brucellosis Order 1997 in relation to Wales. Brucellosis of cattle is caused by infection with the bacterium *Brucella abortus*, which can cause a disease in humans known as ‘undulant fever’. Brucellosis of cattle is a notifiable disease, which was eradicated from cattle in Great Britain in 1979, but has been reintroduced on several occasions by imported cattle. Brucellosis causes abortion or premature calving of recently infected animals. The bacteria of *Brucella abortus* can infect other cattle and humans when excreted in milk. This Order removes the List of Approved Laboratories from the Schedule to the 1997 Order, so that in future, amendments can be made to that list without the need to amend the Order. It also makes changes relating to the arrangements for testing milk for evidence of brucellosis.

- **The Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (Wales) Order 2006**

This Order revokes and re-enacts the Enzootic Bovine Leukosis Order 1997 in relation to Wales. Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL) is a transmissible disease caused by the bovine leucovirus. It can be transmitted from both, mother to calf, and cow to cow, causing leukaemia and multiple tumours. It is not currently thought to transmit to humans. Clinical signs are found in cattle between 4 and 8 years of age. These include chronic ill health, progressive loss of condition, weakness, anaemia and anorexia. EBL can also cause tumour formation. This Order introduces a less onerous, less frequent testing regime for milk but continues to implement certain provisions of 64/432/EEC and 77/391/EEC on bovine animal disease control and eradication programmes and on intra Community trade in bovine animals.

- **The Children Act 2004 (Commencement No. 6) (Wales) Order 2006**

The purpose of this Order is to commence sections 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 44, 48 and Schedule 4 (save for paragraph (5) of that Schedule), 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 61, Parts 1, 2 and 4 of Schedule 5 of the Children Act 2004.

The Order brings into force a number of provisions relating to children's services in Wales including children and young people's plans, local safeguarding children boards, private fostering, child minding and day care, intervention, promotion of educational achievement, ascertaining children's wishes, information about children, social services committees and the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

- **Motion to approve under Standing Order 25 Section 2 and Standing Order 24.25 (1 min)**

- **The Children Act 2004 (Commencement No.7) (Wales) Order 2006**

The purpose of this Order is to commence sections 25 and 31 of the Children Act 2004. Section 25 imposes a duty on a Children's Services Authority in Wales to make arrangements to promote co-operation between key partners, to improve the well being of children and young people and to pool resources in support of that objective. Section 31 imposes a duty on children's services authorities to establish statutory Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) to replace the existing non-statutory Area Child Protection Committees.

- **Motion to approve The Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales)**

Regulations 2006 (10 mins)

The Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2006 will replace provisions contained in sections 54 – 57 and Schedules 16 and 17 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. They will provide a new regulatory framework by which governing bodies will operate and discharge their functions

and responsibilities in connection with the appointment, conduct and discipline (including staff grievance and capability), suspension and dismissal of staff in maintained schools. The new Regulations virtually replicate the provisions contained in Schedules 16 and 17 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, but make some minor changes. They also contain two new provisions, which form part of the Assembly's response to recommendations in the Children's Commissioner's Clywch Inquiry Report. In this respect, the Regulations require governing bodies to appoint an independent investigator to look into allegations against school staff involving child protection issues following consideration by the statutory authorities. The other provision requires governing bodies to appoint an independent, non-governor member with voting rights to the staff disciplinary/dismissal and staff disciplinary/dismissal appeal committees in child protection cases.

- **Motion to approve The Education Act 2002 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2006 (10 mins)**

The purpose of this Order is to commence provisions in the Education Act 2002, which will allow the National Assembly for Wales to make Regulations to replace provisions currently in force in Schedules 16 (in respect of community, community special, voluntary controlled and maintained nursery schools) and Schedule 17 (in respect of voluntary aided and foundation schools) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 covering the appointment, conduct and discipline, suspension and dismissal of staff in maintained schools.

The Order also commences transitional provisions requiring that until Regulations are made under section 31 of the Education Act 2002 concerning the control of school premises, the references in paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the Education Act 2002 to 'any transfer of control authorised by Regulations under section 31, are replaced by references to Schedules 13 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

- **Motion to approve The Single Education Plan (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**

These Regulations require children's services authorities in Wales who are Local Education Authorities to prepare and publish a Single Education Plan setting out

the Authority's strategy for discharging their education responsibilities towards children and young people.

The Regulations form part of the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to provide a reduced planning framework for Local Authorities in Wales. The intention is to move toward the creation of Children and Young People's Plans in 2008, which will be a joint strategic plan for local authorities and partner agencies setting out the overall approach to all services for children and young people, including education.

In the interim these Regulations will remove the requirement for Local Authorities to produce four main education plans, i.e. Education Strategic Plans, School Organisation Plans, Behaviour Support Plans and Early Years and Childcare Development Plans, and require them instead to produce a Single Education Plan to have effect from 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2008.

The Regulations prescribe the content, duration, consultation requirements, adoption date, publication date and requirements, targets for attainment, attendance and exclusion, and the persons to whom copies of the Single Education Plan are to be provided.

- **Motion to approve The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Abolition of Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (10 mins)**
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (30 mins)**
- **Welsh Liberal Democrat Party nominated debate (45 mins)**
- **Debate on the Annual Report of the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (45 mins)**

Wednesday 22 March 2006

- **Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside (30 mins)**

- **Motion to approve changes within Main Expenditure Groups under Standing Order 21 (10 mins)**
- **Debate on Primary Legislation Proposals in accordance with SO33.11 (60 mins)**
- **Debate on the Report of the Government of Wales Bill Committee (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**

Tuesday 28 March 2006

- **Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**
- **Business Statement (10 mins)**
- **Motion to approve The Local Government (Best Value Authorities) (Power to Trade) (Wales) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

The purpose of this Order is to confer the power to trade on Welsh local authorities, under sections 95, 96 and 123 of the Local Government Act 2003.

- **Motion to approve The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (Standards Investigations) Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order makes provision relating to the conduct of investigations by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales of allegations of misconduct by elected and co-opted members of local government in Wales, from 1 April 2006. It revokes and replaces the 'Local Commissioner in Wales (Standards Investigations) Order 2001 (SI 2001 No. 2286 (W.174)), which makes similar provision relating to such investigations by the Commission for Local Administration in Wales.

- **The Welsh Regional Flood Defence Committee Composition Order 2006 (15 mins)**

This Order amends the composition of the Welsh Regional Flood Defence Committee (RFDC) to a committee of eighteen members, eight to be appointed by the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside, two by the Environment Agency and eight by groups of constituent local authorities.

- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (60 mins)**
- **Welsh Conservative Party nominated debate (45 mins)**

Wednesday 29 March 2006

- **Questions to Brian Gibbons , Minister for Health and Social Services (30 mins)**
- **Questions to Alun Pugh, Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport (30 mins)**
- **Questions to the House Committee (5 mins)**
- **Slot reserved for subordinate legislation (15 mins)**
- **Statement by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning : The Welsh Assembly Government`s Response to the Annual Report of the Childrens Commissioner for Wales (30 mins)**
- **Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee`s Report on its Review of Trinity Mirror (60 mins)**
- **Short debate (30 mins)**