Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 26th November 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 11 questions were answered. Question 3 was withdrawn.

2.47pm Statement: The Minister for Environment made a statement on Planning - Delivering for Wales

3.25pm Business Statement: The Business Minister More than 10 Members objected to the business statement In accordance with Standing Order 6.21 more than 3 Members requested the bell be rung

A vote was taken: For 31; Abstain 0; Against 22; Total 53 The Business Statement was agreed

The Business Minister concluded with notification of the DPO's determinations about consideration of draft orders by Subject Committees under Standing Order 22.5. In accordance with Standing Order 5.8 the Business Minister, with the support of ten members, proposed to reverse the Deputy Presiding Officer's determination to refer the Education Act 2002 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2002 to the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee.

In accordance with Standing Order 6.21 more than 3 Members requested the bell be rung

A vote was taken: For 32; Abstain 15; Against 7; Total 54 The motion was carried

3.54pm

Points of Order

Nick Bourne on a recent Ministerial visit to Fishguard. The **Presiding Officer** said that he would like to see all Members treated with the same level of courtesy when being informed of visits to their constituencies.

Phil Williams under Standing Order 18 on editorial policy of the Record of Proceedings.

4.02pm

Statement by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Queen's Speech

5.02pm

Motion to note the proposed forthcoming three month timetable of Assembly Business *NDM1224* - To propose that the National Assembly notes the 3 month timetable of Assembly Business under standing order 5.1.

The proposed 3 month timetable of Assembly Business was e-mailed to members on 19 November 2002.

In accordance with Standing Order 6.21 more than 3 Members requested the bell be rung

A vote was taken on the motion: For 45; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 45 The motion was carried

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

5.04pm

Plaid Cymru nominated debate

NDM1225 - To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls for a full inquiry into why farmers in Wales did not receive payments under the Sheep Annual Premiums until after their counterparts in the other parts of the UK; and

2. Further calls for a clear statement on the delivery of other support payments.

The following amendments were tabled: Amendment 1 - Carwyn Jones (Bridgend)

Delete all after "National Assembly for Wales" and replace with;

1. Notes that in the past Wales has made Sheep Annual Premium payments in Advance of other parts of the UK.

2. Congratulates staff on processing payment of Sheep Annual Premium to farmers in Wales and notes that the amount they will have received by the end of November is expected to be 60% more than they received at the same time last year.

3. Welcomes the introduction of a new IT system which will be a platform for making all CAP payments to farmers in Wales in future.

Amendment 2 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point:

Criticises the Minister for Rural Affairs for his failure to protect the interests of Welsh Farmers.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1 For 29; Abstain 0; Against 20; Total 49 Amendment 1 was carried

In accordance with Standing Order 6.21 more than 3 Members requested the bell be rung

Amendment 2 For 7; Abstain 0; Against 41; Total 48 Amendment 2 was defeated

The motion, as amended For 28; Abstain 0; Against 20; Total 48 The motion, as amended, was carried

The session concluded at 5.42pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 27th November 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 25 November 2002

Local Government Finance (Wales), Special Grant Report No. 15 (Wales) 2002 - LD1696 Local Government Finance (Wales), Special Grant Report (No. 16) (Wales) 2002 - LD1695

Documents laid on 22 November 2002

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Ancient Monuments Board for Wales Annual Report 2001-2002: Conserving Privately Owned Scheduled Ancient Monuments - LD1693 Sports Council for Wales 2001/02 Annual Report and Accounts - LD1694