

Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 23rd June

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

2.00pm

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

The first 6 questions were asked. Question 4 was transferred for written answer.

2.24pm

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

The first 9 questions were asked. Question 5 and 15 were withdrawn

2.46pm

Urgent Question

Leighton Andrews (Rhondda); Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Chubb factory in Ferndale following the company's announcement to staff on Tuesday June 29th 2004.

2.56pm

Point of Order

Minister for Health and Social Services clarified Jenny Randerson's point of order yesterday referring to the use of the executive procedure

3.00pm

Motion to approve The National Health Service) (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 under Standing Order 24.27

NDM2019 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments)

(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 22nd June 2004.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for the introduction of free eye tests to match the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to introducing free prescriptions.

Amendment 2

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Minister to investigate introducing universal free eye tests in Wales, and to discuss with the Health Minister at Westminster the possibility to devolve such powers.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 16; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 53

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 13; Abstain 0; Against 40; Total 53

Amendment 2 was defeated

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53

The principle of the Regulations were approved

NDM2020 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 22nd June 2004.

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 24.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

A vote was taken on the Regulations

For 53; Abstain 0 ; Against 0; Total 53

The Regulations were approved

3.15pm

Motion to delegate the functions of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to the First Minister

NDM2016 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Acting under section 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all the functions of the National Assembly contained in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in this motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

This delegation will be made in the knowledge that those functions will, as appropriate, be further delegated to the appropriate Assembly Minister and to staff.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 54; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 54

The motion was carried

3.20pm

Debate on Wanless

NDM2021 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Reaffirms its commitment to implementing the recommendations from the Review of Health and Social Care in Wales
2. Welcomes the significant progress made since the Review was published in June 2003
3. Recognises that successful reform and renewal in health services depend upon local ownership within a clear national framework.

The Hyperlinks below will take you to the "Review of Health & Social Care in Wales, The Report of Project Team advised by Derek Wanless, June 2003"

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

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

Regrets that the Minister for Health and Social Services has failed to demonstrate leadership by her refusal to create a National Plan offering strategic direction for the reform and renewal of the Health Service since the Review of Health and Social Care in Wales was published in

June 2003.

If Amendment 1 is carried, Amendments 2, 3 and 4 would fall

Amendment 2

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Insert at end of point 1:

' and the recommendations of the Audit Commission report Transforming Health and Social care in Wales.'

The hyperlink below will take you to the Audit Commission report "Transforming Health and Social care in Wales":

<http://ww2.audit-commission.gov.uk/wales/el/pdf/health-soc-care-wales-final.pdf>

Amendment 3

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete point 3 in its entirety and insert in its place:

"3. Regrets the lack of successful reform and renewal in health services which depend upon local ownership within a clear national framework." '

Amendment 4

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Insert at end of point 3:

' and deplores the persistent failure of the Minister to produce a clear national framework.'

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 53

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 54

Amendment 4 was defeated

A vote was taken on the motion :

For 30; Abstain 0; Against 24; Total 54

The motion was carried

4.26pm

Debate on Transport Review

NDM2017 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the work by the Assembly Government to review progress on the development of an integrated and sustainable transport policy.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the Welsh Assembly Government should develop an integrated and sustainable transport policy and recognises that the Draft Transport (Wales) Bill is a step in the right direction.

The hyperlink below will take you to the Draft Transport (Wales) Bill:

http://www.oss.wales.gov.uk/transport_bill.pdf

If Amendment 1 is carried, Amendment 2 would fall

Amendment 2

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'.

Amendment 3 - This was not selected
Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'.

Amendment 4
Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Regrets the emphasis placed on discouraging car use before a reliable alternative is available and the delays in vital road projects such as the M4 relief road which is essential to the economic prosperity of Wales.'

Amendment 5
Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to commit to establishing an express link to Cardiff International Airport'

Amendment 6
Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Notes the view of the WLGA that an intra-Wales air service would attract few passengers, create few jobs and bring few economic benefits and urges Ministers to rethink the proposals.'

Amendment 7
Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister to bring forward a detailed progress report.

Amendment 8
Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Calls on the Minister to negotiate with the UK Government to ensure that the provisions of the Transport Bill devolve further powers to enable the Government to develop appropriate mechanisms for the co-ordination of public transport in Wales nationally, and the effective development of cross border links.'

Amendment 9

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Agrees that the transfer of the administration of the Rail Subsidy for Wales to the National Assembly, is essential for the development of an integrated and sustainable transport policy.'

Amendment 10

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

'Calls on the Minister to negotiate with the UK Government the power to appoint two representatives from Wales to the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA) or any successor body, the power for the National Assembly to instruct such a body, and for this body to have an office based in Wales.'

Amendment 11

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for increased capacity on the Valley Lines to assist in boosting the economic viability and prosperity of the Objective One area.

Amendment 12

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that in order to make real progress towards an integrated and sustainable transport plan the Assembly needs the power to appoint Welsh representatives to the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA) and that the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA) should have a physical presence in

Wales.

4.56pm

The Business Minister proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.18 to extend the debate by 30 minutes.

For 39; Abstain 0; Against 1; Total 40

The motion was carried

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 35; Total 52

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 52

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 11; Abstain 0; Against 41; Total 52

Amendment 4 was defeated

Amendment 5

For 11; Abstain 0; Against 41; Total 52

Amendment 5 was defeated

Amendment 6

For 11; Abstain 6; Against 35; Total 52

Amendment 6 was defeated

Amendment 7

For 21; Abstain 1; Against 30; Total 52

Amendment 7 was defeated

Amendment 8

For 21; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 51

Amendment 8 was defeated

Amendment 9

For 15; Abstain 7; Against 30; Total 52

Amendment 9 was defeated

Amendment 10

For 21; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 51

Amendment 10 was defeated

Amendment 11

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 51

Amendment 11 was defeated

Amendment 12

For 21; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 51

Amendment 12 was defeated

A vote was taken on the motion :

For 35; Abstain 0; Against 17; Total 52

The motion was carried

5.35pm

Short debate- NDM2022 William Graham (South Wales East); Hazardous Waste - Who in Wales Will Touch It?

The meeting concluded at 5.54pm

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents Laid on 29 June 2004

- Welsh Language Board Accounts 2003-04 - LD3059
- The Home Loss Payments (Prescribed Amounts) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3062
- The Water Act 2003 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2004 - LD3063
- The Food (Emergency Control) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No 2) Regulations 2004 - LD3064

- The Food (Emergency Control) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No 2) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3065
- The Street Works (Inspection Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3066
- The Street Works (Inspection Fees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3067
- The Schools Budget Shares (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3068
- The Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3069
- The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD3070
- The Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 & The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Regulatory Appraisal - LD3071
- The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No. 20) Order 2004 - LD3072
- The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No. 20) Order 2004 - Explanatory Memorandum - LD3073
- The Education (Specified Work and Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2004- Memorandum of Corrections - LD3074
- The Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (Wales) Regulations 2004- Memorandum of Corrections - LD3075
- The Education Act 2002 (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD3076
- The Feeding Stuffs, the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) and the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004- Memorandum of Corrections - LD3077