

# BUSINESS PAPERS

## Part 1- Section E

### WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF OPINION TABLED ON

**4 November 1999**

R Signifies the Member has declared an interest

#### **OPIN-1999-0019 Nuclear Waste at Trecwn**

Raised on 30 Jun by Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire

33 Subscribers:

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

Rhodri Glyn Thomas – Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Geraint Davies - Rhondda

Janet Ryder - North Wales

*Owen John Thomas – South Wales Central*

*John Marek - Wrexham*

*Phil Williams - South Wales East*

*Elin Jones - Cerdigion*

*Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

*Lynne Neagle - Torfaen*

*Alun Pugh - Clwyd West*

*Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central*

*Gwenda Thomas - Neath*

*Val Feld - Swansea East*

*Lorraine Barrett - Cardiff South and Penarth*

*Sue Essex - Cardiff North*

*Christine Chapman - Cynon Valley*  
*Alison Halford - Delyn*  
*Janice Gregory - Ogmore*  
*Brian Gibbons FRCGP- Aberavon*  
*Ann Jones - Vale of Clwyd*  
*Ron Davies - Caerphilly*  
*John Griffiths LLB - Newport East*  
*Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales*  
*Pauline Jarman - South Wales Central*  
*Kirsty Williams - Brecon and Radnorshire*  
*Edwina Hart MBE - Gower*  
*Karen Sinclair - Clwyd South*  
*Janet Davies - South Wales West*  
*Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli*  
*Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East*  
*Carwyn Jones LLB - Bridgend*  
*Peter Black - South Wales West*

***The National Assembly for Wales declares its total opposition to the proposal by a private firm to store nuclear waste at the former RNAD site at Trecwn in Pembrokeshire. This would cause catastrophic blight to the economy and environment of Pembrokeshire and pose great potential hazards to the well-being of the people of West Wales and beyond.***

## **OPIN-1999-0026 NHS - Dentistry**

Raised on 14 Jul by Dai Lloyd MBBCh MRCP Dip.Ther - South Wales West

16 Subscribers:

Janet Davies – South Wales West

Janet Ryder – North Wales

Dr Phil Williams – South Wales East

Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli  
Gareth Jones - Conwy  
Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarten East and Dinefwr  
Elin Jones - Ceredigion  
Ieuan Wyn Jones - Ynys Mon  
Owen John Thomas MA - South Wales Central  
Geraint Davies - Rhondda  
Pauline Jarman - South Wales Central  
Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales  
Brian Hancock - Islwyn  
Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central  
Kirsty Williams - Breacon and Radnorshire  
Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East

*The National Assembly for Wales calls for a full and wide ranging debate on the future of NHS Dentistry in Wales, encompassing consideration of a needs-led service, provision of salaried Dentists where the current contract cannot attract a Dentist at all, and abolition of Dental charges. The focus of this debate will be the Health and Social Services Committee.*

## **OPIN-1999-0030 Arts Council for Wales - Drama Strategy**

Raised on 22 Jul by Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central

1 Subscriber

Nicholas Bourne – Mid & West Wales

*This Assembly believes that the Arts Council for Wales should defer its decision on its proposed Drama Strategy until after the Assembly has completed its own review of the Arts. We believe that if the Arts Council for Wales proceeds with its new strategy at this stage, it could run counter to the Assembly's priorities.*

## **OPIN-1999-0034 Nantygwyddon Landfil Site**

Raised on 16 Sep 1999 by Geraint Davies - Rhondda[R]

23 Subscribers

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East

Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Brian Hancock Islwyn[R]

Phil Williams - South Wales East

David Davies - Monmouth

Peter Rogers - North Wales

Gareth Jones - Conwy

Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales

Ieuan Wyn Jones - Ynys Mon

Christine Humphreys - North Wales

Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central

Peter Black - South Wales West

Kirsty Williams - Brecon and Radnorshire

Dai Lloyd MBBCh MRCP Dip.Ther - South Wales West

Pauline Jarman - South Wales Central[R]

David Melding - South Wales Central

Janet Ryder - North Wales

Janet Davies - South Wales West

Jonathan Morgan - South Wales Central

Owen John Thomas MA - South Wales Central

*This assembly calls for an establishment of a full inquiry into Nantygwyddon Landfill site. The inquiry will investigate the siting, design, construction, management (both technical and financial) and health problems surrounding the site.*

## **OPIN-1999-0043 Global Cultural Diversity Congress 2000**

Raised on 12 Oct 1999 by Lorraine Barrett - Cardiff South and Penarth

19 Subscribers

Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley

Geraint Davies - Rhondda

Rhodri Glyn Thomas – Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Janet Ryder - North Wales

Lynne Neagle - Torfaen  
Janice Gregory - Ogmore  
Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire  
Brian Gibbons FRCGP - Aberavon  
Val Feld - Swansea East  
Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
John Griffiths LLB - Newport East  
Jenny Randerson - Cardiff Central  
Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire  
Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East  
Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wales  
Michael German OBE - South Wales East  
David Rhys Lloyd – South Wales West  
Karen Sinclair - Clwyd South  
Alison Halford - Delyn

*This Assembly welcomes and gives its full support and endorsement to the Global Cultural Diversity Congress 2000 to be hosted in Cardiff from March 20-23rd. The Assembly recognises that the Congress is likely to be the first major global event of the new millennium to be held in Wales and an ideal opportunity to promote the practical understanding of cultural diversity necessary in a modern and multicultural society*

## **OPIN-1999-0044 Campaign by Cofeb Tryweryn for national monument**

Raised on 12 Oct 1999 by

Ron Davies - Caerphilly  
John Marek - Wrexham

17 Subscribers

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley

Val Feld – Swansea East  
Carwyn Jones - Bridgend

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Jenny Randerson – Cardiff Central

Geraint Davies - Rhondda

Rhodri Glyn Thomas – Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

Cynog Dafis - Mid and West Wles

Janet Ryder - North Wales

Helen Mary Jones - Llanelli

David Rhys Lloyd – South Wales West

Owen John Thomas – South Wales Central

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

Gareth Jones - Conwy

Michael German OBE– South Wales East

Alison Halford - Delyn

*The Assembly will recall the flooding of the Welsh Village of Capel Celyn in 1957 by the Liverpool Corporation to provide water for its own development. The Assembly commends the 35 of the then 36 Welsh MP's who unsuccessfully opposed the flooding thereby demonstrating the need for Wales to have it's own national voice.*

*The Assembly supports the campaign by Cofeb Tryweryn to establish a permanent national monument on the shores of Llyn Tryweryn to commemorate this significant moment in Welsh history.*

## **OPIN-1999-0045 Millennium Pardon for Dic Pendryn**

Raised on 15 Oct 1999 by

Huw Lewis - Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney

10 Subscribers

Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Ron Davies - Caerphilly  
Val Feld – Swansea East  
Christine Chapman – Cynon Valley  
John Griffiths – Newport East  
Brian Gibbons FRCGP - Aberavon  
Carwyn Jones - Bridgend

Lorraine Barrett – Cardiff South and Penarth

Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire

Owen John Thomas - South Wales Central

***The National Assembly calls upon the Home Secretary to offer a 'Millennium Pardon' to Dic Pendryn, the first Welsh working class martyr. Dic Pendryn was hanged for his part in the Merthyr Rising of 1831, based on unreliable and unsafe evidence, as an example to other working class people in South Wales who might have been driven to protest at the appalling injustices they suffered. The Assembly calls on the Home Secretary to make this civic gesture to the people of Merthyr Tydfil and to right a miscarriage of justice from the past in time to celebrate the Millennium.***

## **OPIN-1999-0048 Teacher Training**

21 Oct 1999 Raised by

Gareth Jones, John Marek, Jonathan Morgan, Jenny Randerson

7 Subscribers:

Janet Davies – South Wales West

Jocelyn Davies – South Wales East

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

Owen John Thomas – South Wales Central

Kirsty Williams – Brecon & Radnorshire

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Rhodri Glyn Thomas – Carmarthen & East Dinefwr

*This Assembly believes there is a serious crisis in recruitment to secondary teacher training in Wales which is endangering the supply of high quality teachers to our secondary schools and so calls for a co-ordinated programme of action developed in Wales and relevant to specific needs of Wales to reverse this trend and build on the potential that exists in Wales.*

## **OPIN-1999-0049 Credit Union Movement**

21 Oct 1999 Raised by

Lorraine Barrett, Peter Black, Jocelyn Davies, John Griffiths LLB

7 Subscribers:

Ron Davies - Caerphilly

Mick Bates – Montgomeryshire

Richard Edwards - Preseli Pembrokeshire

Rhodri Glyn Thomas - Carmarthen & East Dinefwr

Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Elin Jones - Ceredigion

Carwyn Jones - Bridgend

*The National Assembly wishes today on International Credit Union Day (October 21 1999) to celebrate the Credit Union movement by supporting the contribution it makes to the economic and social life of Wales. The National Assembly for Wales will help launch its latest reports today. We call on members of the Assembly to support the main recommendations in the*



*reports to ensure the continued evolution of the credit union movement in Wales. We wish the credit union movement in Wales continued success and hope to see it play a major part in the continued development of Welsh life.*

## **OPIN-1999-0050 Repeal of Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988**

Raised on 29 October by

Jenny Randerson – Cardiff Central

7 Subscribers

Elin Jones – Ceredigion

Jocelyn Davies – South Wales East

Michael German – South Wales East

Christine Humphries – North Wales

Mick Bates – Montgomeryshire

Kirsty Williams – Brecon & Radnorshire

Peter Black – South Wales West

*This Assembly believes that Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 unfairly discriminates against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, and is a significant obstacle, preventing schools from dealing with homophobic bullying. We believe that the forthcoming Local Government legislation provides an ideal opportunity to repeal this measure.*

## **OPIN-1999-0051 Therapeutic Work and the Minimum Wage**

02 Nov 1999 Raised by

Geraint Davies, Helen Mary Jones

4 Subscribers

Janet Davies - South Wales West

Elin Jones Ceredigion

Jocelyn Davies - South Wales East

Mick Bates - Montgomeryshire

*This Assembly believes that the UK Government should reconsider the definition of an 'employed person' for the purposes of the National Minimum Wage. At present those with severe disability undertaking a limited amount of work as therapy (with the express permission of the Benefit Agency) are not exempt from the application of the National Minimum Wage. As a result their entitlement to benefits is at risk and indeed the very provision of the employment as they may no longer be considered by their to be economically viable due to their level of productivity.*

## **OPIN-1999-0052 Blood Donation**

Raised on 3 November by

Carwyn Jones Bridgend

3 Subscribers

Janice Gregory - Ogmore

Karen Sinclair – Clwyd South

Nick Bourne – Mid & West Wales

*The Assembly recognises the importance of blood donation to the National Health Service and calls on members to give blood when they can.*

## **OPIN – 1999-0053 Llandudno General Hospital Bone Scanner Service**

Raised on 4 November by

Gareth Jones - Conwy

Christine Humphreys -North Wales

Peter Rogers - North Wales

No Subscribers

The National Assembly believes that the bone scanner facility at Llandudno hospital should not only be maintained, but improved upon, so that a readily accessible service is available to the residents of North Wales. We call upon the North Wales Health Authority to give immediate priority to this need within its strategic planning and funding.