

# CSO(2)-07-06 (p6) Annex

## Standing Order 20 – Reports of Proceedings

### Verbatim Record of Assembly Plenary Meetings

20.1 The Assembly shall, as soon as practicable after each plenary meeting publish by electronic means a record of speeches made in that meeting in the languages in which they were made; and, as soon as practicable thereafter, publish an edited verbatim record of proceedings, with translations into English of speeches made in Welsh and translations into Welsh of speeches made in English.

Suggest amendment to align language with the Bill – "as soon as reasonably practicable"

The Assembly currently publishes a procedural record of plenary meetings as well as a verbatim transcript, although this is not provided for in standing orders.

Q1 – Are members content that standing orders should include provision for publication of a procedural record of plenary?

The Bill does not require the Record to be published electronically:

Q2 – The committee may wish to consider whether the SOs should expressly provide for publication to be by electronic means.

Current practice is that a bilingual version of the record is published within 24 hours of the meeting, with a final, fully corrected, version published within five working days. However, this is extremely resource intensive.

Q3 – The House Committee review notwithstanding, and in an effort to achieve maximum flexibility in standing orders, are Members content to take a broader approach to this SO which would provide for a record of plenary proceedings to be published as soon as reasonably practicable after each meeting?

### Reports of Committee and Sub-committee Proceedings

20.2 The Assembly shall as soon as practicable:

(i) publish in English and Welsh minutes of each committee and sub-committee's public proceedings; and

(ii) where evidence has been given in public to a committee or sub-committee by witnesses, publish an edited verbatim record of that evidence, with translations into English of evidence given in Welsh and translations into Welsh of evidence given in English. Where such evidence was given in a language other than English or Welsh, the record shall contain translations of the evidence into both languages.

Suggest amendment to align language with the Bill – "as soon as reasonably practicable"

This Standing Order has not been amended to reflect the fact that verbatim transcripts are now provided for all Committee meetings. Will need amendment to provide for verbatim transcripts of committee meetings, including evidence sessions.

(i) May require minor consequential amendment depending upon the committee's decision in Q1 above. If so, similar provision can be made here.

Q4 – Are Members content with this approach?

(ii) Current practice, owing to resource issues, is that evidence given in English is not translated into Welsh. On this basis, although there has not been an instance of evidence being given in a language other than English or Welsh, it is likely that such evidence would only be translated into English.

Q5 – The House Committee review notwithstanding, and in an effort to achieve maximum flexibility in standing orders, are Members content to take a broader approach which would provide for a record of evidence given in public to be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the meeting in which that evidence was given?