

# Health and Social Services Committee

## HSS(2) 02-06 (p7a)

**Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006**

**Venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly for Wales**

**Title: The Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) (Wales)**

**Regulations 2006**

### **Purpose**

1. The Committee is scrutinising the Regulations in accordance with the protocol for dealing with secondary legislation agreed by the Committee on 11 June 2003 (Paper HSS(2) 01-03 (p2c)), whereby Members notify in advance any queries they have or amendments they wish to make.

### **Points of Clarification**

2. Five issues have been raised.

i. Jonathan Morgan AM

If a foster parent does not comply with the notification requirements what sanctions/redress does the local authority have?

ii. Jonathan Morgan AM

Are there exceptions where the notification requirements would not apply?

iii. Jenny Randerson AM

Regulation 6. refers to the need to give notification within 48 hours of the start of the arrangement. What is meant by "the start of the arrangement"? Some children start living with other families in an informal manner, which is later formalised into fostering, so there could be doubt about the exact date of the "start of the Arrangement."

iv Jenny Randerson AM

Schedule 2, Refers to regulation 4. Para 1(c) & Schedule 3 Refers to regulations 7 & 8 Para 1(g). These

both refer to "suitability of the accommodation". What criteria will be used to decide "the suitability of accommodation"?

v. Helen Mary Jones AM

Will the Minister detail how suggestions made during consultation procedure have been incorporated into the regulations?

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