

The Chairman reports:

Ewen Coker of the Poor People's Embassy, has provided a dossier of information and opinion on the Community Wage.

The dossier contains, amongst other material:

1. A copy of the submission of the Human Rights Commission, highlighting the impact of the legislation on single women with children, and on the sick or disabled.
2. Evaluation and case studies of the application of "Workfare" policies in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ontario and elsewhere in North America, where "welfare-to-work" programmes have led, in some cases, to increased homelessness, the placing of children in foster care, and the withdrawal of benefit payments from unemployed persons after a defined period.

The dossier is tabled.