

*These notes refer to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013  
(c.3) which received Royal Assent on 29 April 2013*

# **PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Introduction***

#### ***Section 1 – Overview***

4. The Bill comprises 36 sections and 4 Schedules. As set out in section 1 (which is not intended to have any legal effect) of the Bill, the main provisions –
  - prescribe the office of the Auditor General for Wales (AGW) is to continue;
  - create a new corporate body, the Wales Audit Office (WAO), and confer functions upon it;
  - prescribe the governance arrangements for both the AGW and the WAO, and make provision for the relationship between the two;
  - prescribe how the functions of the AGW are to be exercised and makes the AGW the auditor of local government bodies in Wales.