## **AGRICULTURAL SECTOR (WALES) ACT 2014**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Section 5 - Enforcement of minimum rates

## **Powers of officers**

- 22. The application of section 14 of the 1998 Act confers powers on the officers appointed by the Welsh Ministers (see section 8 of this Act below) to ensure compliance with the enforcement regime. In particular, the officers have a range of investigative powers to require the production of information and records.
- 23. It is an offence (by virtue of the application of section 31(5) of the 1998 Act), for a person to delay or obstruct an officer from carrying out his or her duties. It is also an offence for a person to refuse to answer an officer's questions or to supply information that the officer is entitled to require the person to provide.