

## Legislation (Wales) Act 2019

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## PART 1

## ACCESSIBILITY OF WELSH LAW

## 2 Programme to improve accessibility of Welsh law

- (1) The Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General must prepare a programme setting out what they intend to do to improve the accessibility of Welsh law.
- (2) A programme must be prepared for each term of the National Assembly for Wales that begins after this section comes into force.
- (3) The programme must include proposed activities that are intended to—
  - (a) contribute to an ongoing process of consolidating and codifying Welsh law;
    - (b) maintain the form of Welsh law (once codified);
    - (c) promote awareness and understanding of Welsh law;
    - (d) facilitate use of the Welsh language.
- (4) The programme may also include proposed activities—
  - (a) that may be undertaken in collaboration with the Law Commission (in accordance with the Law Commissions Act 1965 (c. 22)), or
  - (b) of any other kind the Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General consider appropriate.
- (5) The Counsel General must lay a copy of the programme before the National Assembly within 6 months of the appointment of a First Minister after a general election held under Part 1 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).
- (6) The Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General may at any time revise the programme, and if they do so the Counsel General must lay a copy of the revised programme before the National Assembly.
- (7) The Counsel General must report annually to the National Assembly on progress made under the programme.

(8) In subsection (3), codifying Welsh law includes-

- (a) adopting a structure for Welsh law that improves its accessibility;
- (b) organising and publishing consolidated Welsh law according to that structure.