

*These notes refer to the Wales Act 2014 (c.29)  
which received Royal Assent on 17 December 2014*

# WALES ACT 2014

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS (AND SCHEDULES)

#### **Part 1: the Assembly and Welsh Government**

##### *Section 4: The Welsh Government*

24. *Subsection (1)* of section 4 renames the Welsh Assembly Government the Welsh Government (Llywodraeth Cymru). This enables the use of the term Welsh Government in formal, legal documents, following the increasing use of that term by the current Welsh Assembly Government and others in the public domain since the 2011 election. *Subsection (2)* gives effect to the renaming wherever it occurs in GOWA 2006, subject to a couple of exceptions in *subsection (3)*.
25. *Subsection (4)* of section 4 ensures that, where necessary, statutory references to the Welsh Assembly Government (other than those in GOWA 2006), are to be read as references to the Welsh Government instead. It also provides that, where the context requires it, those references continue to include the Welsh Assembly Government (for example, in relation to events which were completed by the Welsh Assembly Government but have continuing legal effect).