



# Government of Wales Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 38

### PART III

#### ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

##### *Other provisions about standing orders*

#### **70 Openness.**

- (1) The standing orders must include provision—
  - (a) for all proceedings of the Assembly itself to be held in public, and
  - (b) for all proceedings of a committee of the Assembly, or a sub-committee of such a committee, to be held in public except where the standing orders otherwise provide.
- (2) But the standing orders may include provision as to conditions to be complied with by any member of the public attending proceedings of the Assembly (including proceedings of a committee of the Assembly or of a sub-committee of such a committee) and, in particular, provision for excluding from the proceedings any member of the public who does not comply with the conditions.
- (3) The standing orders must include provision for—
  - (a) the publication of a report of the proceedings of the Assembly itself, and
  - (b) the publication of a report of the proceedings of a committee of the Assembly, or a sub-committee of such a committee, unless the proceedings were not held in public,as soon as reasonably practicable after the day on which the proceedings take place.
- (4) The standing orders must include provision for any documents in the possession or under the control of the Assembly which contain material relating to any proceedings of the Assembly (including proceedings of a committee of the Assembly or of a sub-committee of such a committee) which have taken place, or are to take place, to be open to inspection by members of the public except where the standing orders otherwise provide.

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- (5) The standing orders must include provision—
- (a) establishing procedures for the investigation of complaints about actions or failures on the part of the Assembly and for dealing with reports by the Welsh Administration Ombudsman and the Health Service Commissioner for Wales of investigations pursuant to complaints relating to the Assembly, and
  - (b) for publicising details of those procedures.

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