



Government of Wales Act 2006

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- 63 Charities.
64 Raising funds for charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes.

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Interpretation “ "Funds” ” includes property other than money.

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- 65 The creation, operation, regulation and dissolution of types of business...
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- 67 Insolvency.
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- 69 Regulation of anti-competitive practices and agreements; abuse of dominant position;...

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- 70 Intellectual property.
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- 72 Regulation of— (a) the sale and supply of goods and...
73 Safety of, and liability for, services supplied to consumers.
74 The regulation of— (a) estate agents, (b) timeshares, and
75 The regulation of— (a) unsolicited goods and services, and
76 The subject-matter of Part 8 of the Enterprise Act 2002...

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77 The subject matter of all technical standards and requirements in...

78 The national accreditation body and the accreditation of bodies that...

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80 Product labelling.

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81 Units and standards of weight and measurement.

82 Regulation of trade so far as involving weighing, measuring and...

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83 Telecommunications and wireless telegraphy (including electromagnetic disturbance).

84 Internet services.

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86 Postal services, post offices, the original holding company and any...
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87 United Kingdom Research and Innovation (“UKRI”), and Research Councils within...

88 The ... subject-matter of section 10 of the Higher Education...

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89 The subject-matter of— (a) section 1 of the Industrial Development...

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- 92 Appointment and regulation of a water or sewerage undertaker whose...
93 Licensing and regulation of a water supply or sewerage licensee....
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- 94 The subject-matter of Part 4 of the Small Business, Enterprise...

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C17 Sunday trading

- 95 Sunday trading.

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- 96 Generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity.

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- 97 Oil and gas, including— (a) the ownership of, exploration for...
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- 98 Coal, including— (a) the ownership and exploitation of coal, Exception Land restoration.

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- 99 Nuclear energy and nuclear installations, including— (a) nuclear safety, security...
100 The Office for Nuclear Regulation.

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- 101 Production, distribution and supply of heat and cooling.
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- 102 Energy conservation.
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E1 Road transport

- 103 Road freight transport services in the United Kingdom (including goods...
104 Regulation of the construction and equipment of motor vehicles and...
105 Road traffic offences.
106 Driver licensing (including training, testing and certification).
107 Driving instruction.
108 Drivers' hours.
109 Traffic regulation on special roads, other than regulation relating to...
110 Exemptions from speed limits.
111 The application of traffic signs or pedestrian crossings to vehicles...
112 International road transport services for passengers or goods.
113 Public service vehicle operator licensing.
114 Documents relating to vehicles and drivers for the purposes of...
115 Vehicle insurance and vehicle registration.
116 The subject-matter of Parts 2 and 3 of the Severn...
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- 118 The subject-matter of the Channel Tunnel Act 1987.
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- 119 Navigational rights and freedoms.
- 120 Shipping and technical and safety standards of vessels that are...
- 121 Reserved trust ports and harbours not wholly in Wales.
- 122 Pilotage other than devolved pilotage.
- 123 Coastguard services and maritime search and rescue.
- 124 Hovercraft.
Exceptions The reference to navigational rights and freedoms does not...
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- 126 Transport security.
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- 130 Social security schemes supported from public funds.

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Interpretation “ "Social security schemes” ” means schemes providing financial...

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133 Collection and enforcement of— (a) periodical payments, other than child...

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- 134 Occupational and personal pensions.
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Interpretation “ "Local authority” ” includes a fire and rescue...

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F4 Public sector compensation

- 135 Compensation for or in respect of public sector workers in...
136 Regulation of amounts payable, or paid, to or in respect...
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- 137 Compensation for or in respect of members of the naval,...
138 Regulation of amounts payable, or paid, to or in respect...
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- 140 Regulation of— (a) the profession of architect,
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- 141 Employment rights and duties and industrial relations, including the subject-matter...
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- 142 The following boards— (a) the Construction Industry Training Board;

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- 143 Arrangements for assisting persons to select, train for, obtain and...
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- 144 Abortion.

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- 147 Medicinal products, including manufacture, authorisations for use and regulation of..
- 148 Regulation of prices of other medical supplies.
- 149 Standards for, and testing of, biological substances (that is, substances...
- 150 Veterinary medicinal products, including manufacture, authorisations for use and regulation...
- 151 Specified feed additives.
- 152 Animal feeding stuffs, in relation to— (a) the incorporation in...
- 153 Vaccine damage payments.
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J5 Welfare foods

- 154 Schemes established by regulations under section 13 of the Social...

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J6 Health and safety

- 155 The subject-matter of Part 1 of the Health and Safety...
- 156 The Health and Safety Executive and the Employment Medical Advisory...
- 157 Protection of the public from radiation.
Interpretation For the purposes of the reservation of the subject-matter...

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- 158 Broadcasting and other media.
- 159 The British Broadcasting Corporation.

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- 160 Public lending right.

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- 161 Government indemnities for objects on loan.

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- 163 Safety of sports grounds.

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- 164 The legal profession and legal services.
165 Claims management services.

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- 166 Legal aid.

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- 167 The subject-matter of Part 1 of the Coroners and Justice...

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- 168 Arbitration.

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- 169 The subject-matter of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

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- 170 Protection of personal data.

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- 171 Public access to information held by a public authority.

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in...

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L8 Public sector information

172 The subject-matter of— (a) the INSPIRE Regulations 2009 (S.I....

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L9 Public records

173 The subject-matter of the Public Records Act 1958.

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L10 Compensation for persons affected by crime and miscarriages of justice

174 Compensation for— (a) persons affected by crime;

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Section L11 Prisons and offender management

175 (1) Prisons and other institutions for the detention of persons...
Exceptions Accommodation provided by or on behalf of a local...
Interpretation The reference to conviction in sub-paragraph (2) includes
a...

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L12 Family relationships and children

176 Marriage, civil partnership and cohabitation.
177 Parenthood, parental responsibility, child arrangements and adoption.
178 Proceedings and orders under Part 4 or 5 of the...
179 Civil remedies in respect of domestic violence, domestic abuse and...
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agencies and...
Interpretation “ “Child arrangements” ” includes the subject-matter of
Part...

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180 Gender recognition.

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181 Registration of births and deaths and of places of worship....

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- 182 Registration of— (a) estates, interests and charges in or over...
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M2 Registration of agricultural charges and debentures

- 183 The subject-matter of sections 9 and 14 of, and the...

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M3 Development and buildings

- 184 Planning (including the subject-matter of Parts 2 to 8 of...
185 Compensation in respect of— (a) the interference with rights in...
186 The regulation of— (a) the design and construction of buildings,...
Interpretation “ "Devolved associated line” ” means an overhead line...

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N1 Equal opportunities

- 187 Equal opportunities.
Exceptions The encouragement (other than by prohibition or regulation)
of...
Interpretation “ "Board” ” includes any other equivalent management
body....

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N2 Control of weapons

- 188 Control of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and other
weapons...

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N3 Ordnance Survey

- 189 Ordnance Survey.

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- 190 Timescales, time zones, the subject-matter of the Summer Time Act...

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N5 Outer space

191 Activities connected with outer space.

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192 Activities connected with Antarctica.
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N7 Deep sea bed mining

193 Activities for the purposes of deep sea bed mining operations....
Interpretation “ "Deep sea bed mining operations” ” has the...
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194 (1) This Schedule does not reserve— (a) the constitution of...
195 (1) Paragraph 1 of this Schedule does not reserve an...
196 Paragraph 194 applies in relation to a devolved tribunal (within...

Particular authorities

197 (1) The reservation of an authority to which this paragraph...

Welsh language functions

198 (1) This Schedule does not reserve— (a) conferring or imposing...

Council tax precepts

199 This Schedule does not reserve council tax precepts.

Interpretation of Schedule

200 (1) References in this Schedule to the subject-matter of any...

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The law on reserved matters

1 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...
2 (1) Paragraph 1 does not apply to a modification that—...

Private law

3 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...

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Criminal law

- 4 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot—...

Enactments other than this Act

- 5 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...
6 A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot make...

This Act

- 7 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...

Ministers of the Crown, government departments and other reserved authorities

- 8 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot—...
9 (1) This paragraph contains exceptions to paragraph 8.
10 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...
11 (1) A provision of an Act of the Senedd cannot...
12 (1) In any enactment (whenever passed or made) not contained...
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Restatement

- 13 (1) Part 1 does not prevent an Act of the...

Subordinate legislation

- 14 Part 1 does not prevent an Act of the Senedd...

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- 1 (1) The Auditor General is to be appointed by Her...

Tenure

- 2 (1) Subject as follows, a person appointed as Auditor General...

Independence and status

- 3 (1) The Auditor General is not, in the exercise of...

Corporation sole

- 4 The person for the time being holding the office of...

Documents

- 5 (1) The application of the seal of the Auditor General...

Remuneration

- 6 (1) The Senedd must— (a) pay the Auditor General such...

Staff

- 7 (1) The Auditor General may appoint such staff or secure...

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Exercise of functions by staff etc.

- 8 (1) Any function of the Auditor General may be exercised...

Special finance provisions

- 9 (1) Any sums payable by the Auditor General in consequence...

Borrowing

- 10 The Auditor General may borrow sums in sterling (by way...

Fees

- 11 (1) The Auditor General may charge a fee for auditing...

Estimates

- 12 (1) For each financial year the Auditor General must—

Accounts

- 13 (1) The Auditor General must, for each financial year, prepare...

Auditor

- 14 (1) The Senedd must appoint an auditor of the accounts...

Audit of accounts

- 15 (1) The accounts which the Auditor General is required to...

Accounting officer

- 16 (1) The accounting officer for the Wales Audit Office is...

Access to documents

- 17 (1) The Auditor General has a right of access at...

Other powers

- 18 (1) Where— (a) the Welsh Ministers are entitled to appoint...

Reports in public interest

- 19 (1) If the Auditor General thinks that it would be...

Certification of claims, returns etc.

- 20 (1) The Auditor General must, if so required by a...

Ancillary powers

- 21 (1) Arrangements may be made between the Auditor General and...

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Part 1 — PRELIMINARY

- 1 (1) In this Schedule “devolution issue” means—
2 A devolution issue is not to be taken to arise...

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Application of Part 2

3 This Part applies in relation to devolution issues in proceedings...

Institution of proceedings

4 (1) Proceedings for the determination of a devolution issue may...

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5 (1) A court or tribunal must order notice of any...

Reference of devolution issue to High Court or Court of Appeal

6 A magistrates' court may refer any devolution issue which arises...

7 (1) A court may refer any devolution issue which arises...

8 A tribunal from which there is no appeal must refer...

9 A court, other than the Court of Appeal or the...

References from Court of Appeal to Supreme Court

10 The Court of Appeal may refer any devolution issue which...

Appeals from superior courts to Supreme Court

11 An appeal against a determination of a devolution issue by...

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Application of Part 3

12 This Part applies in relation to devolution issues in proceedings...

Institution of proceedings

13 (1) Proceedings for the determination of a devolution issue may...

Intimation of devolution issue

14 (1) A court or tribunal must order intimation of any...

Reference of devolution issue to higher court

15 A court, other than any court consisting of three or...

16 A tribunal from which there is no appeal must refer...

17 A court, other than any court consisting of two or...

References from superior courts to Supreme Court

18 Any court consisting of three or more judges of the...

19 Any court consisting of two or more judges of the...

Appeals from superior courts to Supreme Court

20 An appeal against a determination of a devolution issue by...

21 An appeal against a determination of a devolution issue by—...

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Application of Part 4

- 22 This Part applies in relation to devolution issues in proceedings...

Institution of proceedings

- 23 (1) Proceedings for the determination of a devolution issue may...

Notice of devolution issue

- 24 (1) A court or tribunal must order notice of any...

Reference of devolution issue to Court of Appeal

- 25 A court, other than the Court of Appeal in Northern...
26 A tribunal from which there is no appeal must refer...

References from Court of Appeal to Supreme Court

- 27 The Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland may refer any...

Appeals from Court of Appeal to Supreme Court

- 28 An appeal against a determination of a devolution issue by...
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Direct references to Supreme Court

- 29 (1) The relevant officer may require any court or tribunal...
30 (1) The Attorney General or the Counsel General may refer...

Costs

- 31 (1) A court or tribunal before which any proceedings take...

Procedure of courts and tribunals

- 32 Any power to make provision for regulating the procedure before...

References to be for decision

- 33 Any function conferred by this Schedule to refer a devolution...

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The Adjudication Panel for Wales or Panel Dyfarnu Cymru. An...

SCHEDULE 10 — Minor and consequential amendments

Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (c. 36)

- 1 The Statutory Instruments Act 1946 is amended as follows.
2 In section 1 (definition of “statutory instrument”), for subsection (1A)...
3 After section 11 insert— Application in relation to Wales (1) References
in this Act to any Act include references...

Laying of Documents before Parliament (Interpretation) Act 1948 (c. 59)

- 4 In section 1 of the Laying of Documents before Parliament...

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Defamation Act 1952 (c. 66)

5 In section 10 of the Defamation Act 1952 (limitation on...

Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (c. 11 (N.I.))

6 In section 10(1) of the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955...

Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51)

7 In the First Schedule to the Public Records Act 1958...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

8 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967
(departments...

Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c. 56)

9 In Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase)...

Local Government Act 1974 (c. 7)

10 In section 27(1) of the Local Government Act 1974 (provisions...

Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)

11

Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)

12 In paragraph 5 of Schedule 31 to the Local Government,...

Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)

13

National Audit Act 1983 (c. 44)

14

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17

...

18

Public Order Act 1986 (c. 64)

19 In section 26(1) of the Public Order Act 1986 (saving...

Finance Act 1987 (c. 16)

20 In section 55(1)(c) of the Finance Act 1987 (exemption from...

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)

21 In Schedule 8 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988...

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Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)

- 22 The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 is amended as...
- 23 In section 12(9) (duration of copyright in literary, dramatic, musical...
- 24 In section 49 (public records), for “the Government of Wales...
- 25 In section 153(2) (qualification for copyright protection), for “166B”
substitute...
- 26 (1) Section 163 (Crown copyright) is amended as follows.
- 27 (1) Section 164 (copyright in Acts and Measures) is amended...
- 28 After section 166B insert— Copyright in proposed Measures of the...
- 29 (1) Section 178 (minor definitions) is amended as follows.
- 30 In section 179 (index of defined expressions), in column 2...
- 31 (1) Section 263(1) (Part 3: minor definitions) is amended as...
- 32 In paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 2 (public records), for “the...

Housing Act 1988 (c. 50)

- 33 In paragraph 5 of Schedule 8 to the Housing Act...

Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)

- 34 In section 12 of the Official Secrets Act 1989 (meaning...

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)

- 35 In section 321B of the Town and Country Planning Act...

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9)

- 36 In paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Planning (Listed...

Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c. 10)

- 37 In paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the Planning (Hazardous...

Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)

- 38 In section 16(1) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992...

Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

- 39 In section 41(6) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994...

Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31)

- 40 In paragraph 11(1)(c) of Schedule 1 to the Defamation Act...

Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38)

- 41 The Government of Wales Act 1998 is amended as follows....
- 42 (1) Section 28 (reform of other Welsh public bodies) is...
- 43 (1) Section 104 (Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and...
- 44 (1) Section 105 (Forestry Commissioners) is amended as follows.
- 45 (1) Section 144 (power of Secretary of State by order...
- 46 (1) Section 145 (examinations by Auditor General into discharge of...
- 47 In section 145A(5) (studies by Auditor General into discharge of...
- 48 (1) Section 145C (studies by Auditor General into discharge of...
- 49 In section 146(4) (power of Secretary of State by order...

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- 50 (1) Section 146A (transfer etc. of supervisory functions from the...
- 51 (1) Section 147 (power of Secretary of State by order...
- 52 In section 151(2) (power to make consequential amendments), for “22”...
- 53 (1) Section 154 (orders and directions) is amended as follows....
- 54 (1) Section 155 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 55 (1) Schedule 7 (Forestry Commissioners) is amended as follows.

Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42)

- 56 (1) Section 21(1) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (interpretation)...

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (c. 20)

- 57 In section 10 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act...

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41)

- 58 The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is amended...
- 59 In section 8(3)(b) (functions exercisable only on recommendation of Electoral...
- 60 In section 10(6) (bodies to which Electoral Commission may give...
- 61 In section 13 (power of Electoral Commission to promote public...

Finance Act 2003 (c. 14)

- 62 The Finance Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 63 In section 61(3) (stamp duty land tax: compliance with planning...
- 64 In section 66(4) (stamp duty land tax: transfers involving public...
- 65 In section 107(2) (stamp duty land tax: Crown application)—

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c. 5)

- 66 (1) Section 60 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act...

Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10)

- 67 The Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 is amended as...
- 68 In section 7(3)(b) (relevant action: Welsh health service bodies), for...
- 69 In section 8(2) (exclusion from investigation for matters not relating...
- 70 In section 9(1)(b) (exclusion from investigation of matters: right of...
- 71 (1) Section 10 (other excluded matters) is amended as follows....
- 72 In section 12 (decisions not to investigate etc.), omit subsection...
- 73 (1) Section 16 (reports of investigations) is amended as follows....
- 74 In section 21 (reports: alternative procedure), omit subsection (11).
- 75 In section 23 (special reports: supplementary), omit subsection (6).
- 76 (1) Section 24 (special reports relating to the Assembly)...
- 77 (1) Section 25 (consultation and co-operation with other ombudsmen) is...
- 78 (1) Section 28 (listed authorities) is amended as follows.
- 79 (1) Section 29 (restrictions on power to amend Schedule 3)...
- 80 (1) Section 30 (provisions in orders adding persons to Schedule...
- 81 In section 40 (commencement), for “ Assembly ” substitute “...
- 82 (1) Section 41 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 83 (1) Section 42 (former health care providers and social landlords)...

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- 84 (1) Section 43 (consequential and transitional provision) is amended as...
- 85 (1) Section 44 (orders, regulations and directions) is amended as...
- 86 (1) Schedule 1 (Public Service Ombudsman for Wales: appointment etc.)...
- 87 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (excluded matters), for “...
- 88 In Schedule 3 (listed authorities), under the heading “Government of...

Inquiries Act 2005 (c. 12)

- 89 The Inquiries Act 2005 is amended as follows.
- 90 In section 1(2) (“Ministers” who may cause inquiries to be...
- 91 (1) Section 27 (United Kingdom inquiries) is amended as follows....
- 92 In section 28(4) (Scottish inquiries), for “National Assembly for Wales”...
- 93 (1) Section 29 (Welsh inquiries) is amended as follows.
- 94 In section 30(5) (Northern Ireland inquiries), for “National Assembly for...
- 95 (1) Section 41 (rules) is amended as follows.
- 96 In section 43(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “the relevant...
- 97 In section 51(2) (commencement), for “National Assembly for Wales” substitute...

SCHEDULE 11 — Transitional provisions

Alteration of Senedd electoral regions

1

2007 election to be election to Assembly constituted by this Act

2 The 2007 election is an election to the Assembly constituted...

First meeting after 2007 election

3 The first meeting of the Assembly constituted by this Act...

Date of 2011 election

4 Until the first ordinary general election (or any extraordinary general...

No dual constituency and regional candidacy

5 (1) Section 5 of the Government of Wales Act 1998...

6 (1) Section 7 of that Act (return of electoral region...

Electoral region vacancies before first general election etc.

7 Section 11 has effect until the first general election as...

Election orders

8 An order under section 11 of the Government of Wales...

Term of office of Senedd members

9 Section 14 has effect until the first general election as...

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Disqualification Orders

- 10 An Order in Council under section 12(1)(b) of the Government...

Disqualification of Lords of Appeal in Ordinary

- 11 A Lord of Appeal in Ordinary is disqualified from being...

Remuneration of Assembly members etc.

- 12 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to a determination...
13 An order under section 17 of the Government of Wales...

Publication of information about remuneration of Assembly members

- 14 (1) Section 22(2) does not apply in relation to the...

Assistance to groups of Members of the Senedd

- 15 (1) A determination under section 34A of the Government of...

First Presiding Officer

- 16 The reference in subsection (1) of section 25 to the...

First Clerk

- 17 The member of the staff of the Assembly constituted by...

Promotion of awareness of election system and devolved government

- 18 Paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 2 have effect until...

Crown status of Senedd Commission

- 19 Sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 has effect...

Standing orders

- 20 (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than 31st...

Witnesses and documents: penalties

- 21 In relation to an offence committed before the coming into...

Exercise of functions before appointment of first First Minister

- 22 (1) Nothing in this Act (including in particular the repeal...
23 (1) This paragraph and paragraph 24 have effect during the...
24 (1) This paragraph applies to functions of the Assembly constituted...
25 (1) Where a function of making, confirming or approving subordinate...

Saving for existing instruments conferring or imposing functions

- 26 (1) Any provision of an Order in Council under section...
27 Orders under section 27 of the Government of Wales Act...
28 (1) Designations made under section 2(2) of the European Communities...

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First nomination of First Minister

- 29 The reference in section 47(2)(a) to the holding of a...

Transfer of Assembly functions

- 30 (1) Subject to paragraph 31, the relevant Assembly functions are...
31 (1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council provide for—...
32 (1) This paragraph applies so far as may be necessary...

Functions transferred by Order in Council under section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998: Parliamentary and Assembly procedure

- 33 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a function to make...

Functions conferred or imposed by pre-commencement enactment: Parliamentary and Assembly procedure

- 34 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a function to make...
35 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a function to make...

Instrument containing provisions under transferred power and provision under power in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972: Assembly procedure

- 35A (1) —(1) Paragraph 2A of Schedule 2 to the ECA 1972...

Transfers of Assembly functions: laying of reports and statements

- 36 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a function to make...
37 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a function to make...

Transfers of Assembly functions: property, rights and liabilities

- 38 (1) In paragraphs 39 and 40 “transferred function” means a...
39 (1) The property, rights and liabilities to which the Assembly...
40 (1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council provide that...
41 (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for...
42 (1) A certificate issued by the Secretary of State that...

Criminal Liability of the Assembly

- 42A (1) —(1) In this paragraph, “criminal liability of the Assembly...

Staff of the Assembly

- 43 (1) Subject as follows, at the end of the initial...

Powers to lend money

- 44 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a power to lend...

Local government scheme

- 45 (1) Any scheme under section 113(1) of the Government of...

Voluntary sector scheme

- 46 (1) Any scheme under section 114(1) of the Government of...

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Equality of opportunity arrangements

- 47 (1) Any arrangements under section 120(1) of the Government of...

Welsh language strategy and scheme

- 48 (1) The National Action Plan for a Bilingual Wales (or...

Sustainable development scheme

- 49 (1) Any scheme under section 121(1) of the Government of...

Orders in Council amending Schedule 5

- 50 (1) Section 95 has effect until the end of the...
51 Section 96 has effect until the end of the initial...

Assembly Measures: criminal penalties

- 52 (1) No term of imprisonment of more than six months...

Payments into the Welsh Consolidated Fund

- 53A No later than four weeks after a certified copy of...
53B (1) No later than four weeks after a certified copy...
53 No later than four weeks after a certified copy of...

Grants

- 54 Until the end of the initial period section 118(2) has...

Statement of estimated payments

- 55 In its application for the financial year beginning on 1st...

Destination of receipts

- 56 Until the end of the initial period section 120 has...

Borrowing

- 57 (1) Until the end of the initial period section 121(1)...

Payments out of Welsh Consolidated Fund.

- 58 Until the end of the initial period section 124(3) has...
59 Until the end of the initial period—

Annual Budget motions

- 60 (1) In its application for the financial year beginning on...

Supplementary Budget motions

- 61 (1) In its application for the financial year beginning on...

Contingencies

- 62 (1) Until the end of the initial period, section 128...

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Approvals to draw

- 63 (1) This paragraph applies until the end of the initial...
- 63A The function of the Assembly constituted by the Government of...
- 63B The function of the Assembly constituted by the Government of...
- 64A The members of staff employed by the Auditor General immediately...
- 64B The person appointed as the auditor of the accounts for...
- 64C Paragraph 15 of Schedule 8 (audit of accounts) applies to...
- 64D The reference in section 143(1) (Audit Committee reports) to any...
- 64E (1) Notwithstanding the repeal of section 100 of the Government...
- 64F Any sums required by the Assembly constituted by the Government...
- 64G Any sums required by the Assembly constituted by the Government...

Auditor General

- 64 The person who, immediately before the commencement of the repeal...

Advocate General for Northern Ireland

- 65 (1) Until the coming into force of section 27(1) of...

The Supreme Court

- 66 (1) Until the coming into force of section 23(1) of...
- 67 (1) This paragraph has effect until the coming into force...

SCHEDULE 12 — Repeals and revocations

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