

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE S4C (INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES) APPROVAL ORDER 2008**

2008 No. 693

1. Preliminary

- 1.1 This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

This order gives the Welsh Authority the necessary authority to participate in investment activities in connection with their function of providing the S4C and S4C Digital services.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

- 3.1 None.

4. Legislative Background

- 4.1 This Order is made in exercise of the Secretary of State's powers under section 206(2) of the Communications Act 2003.

5. Extent and application

- 5.1 This order extends, and applies, to the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

- 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- 7.1 This order will enable the Welsh Authority to undertake appropriate investment in support of its principal function of providing the S4C and S4C Digital services.

8. Impact

- 8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies other than Inuk Networks Limited being a recipient of Welsh Authority investment.

9. Contact

9.1 Alastair Dougans at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (tel: 020 7211 6471; e-mail: alastair.dougans@culture.gsi.gov.uk) can answer any queries regarding the instrument.