# **PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES) ACT 2013**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

### **Part 1: Auditor General for Wales**

#### Section 7 – Remuneration

- 11. The Assembly is required to make remuneration arrangements for an AGW appointed under this Act (prior to the appointment of the AGW), and such arrangements may include salary, allowances, gratuities, pension arrangements and other benefits. In all cases these arrangements (or elements therein) cannot be performance-based.
- 12. In determining the arrangements the Assembly is required to consult with the First Minister.
- 13. Amounts payable will be charged on the Welsh Consolidated Fund (WCF), which means that payment will be directly from that Fund rather than from monies voted annually by the Assembly. This is designed to further protect the independence of the AGW.
- 14. Note also paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Act see below.