*These notes refer to the Environment (Wales) Act 2016* (*c.3) which received Royal Assent on 21 March 2016* 

## **ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1** – Sustainable management of natural resources

# Section 15 – Duty of NRW to provide information or other assistance to public bodies

- 91. This section requires NRW, on request from a public body (see section 10), to provide that body with information or other assistance, in the exercise of its functions, for the purposes of implementing an area statement.
- 92. However, NRW must not provide any information that it is prohibited from providing by law.
- 93. NRW is also not required to provide any other assistance requested by a public body where NRW considers that doing so would be incompatible with NRW's own duties or would otherwise have an adverse effect on the exercise of its functions (subsection (2)). For example this would apply where the provision of assistance would be incompatible with NRW's position as a regulator.