

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 28 - Welsh Ministers: support for Welsh improvement authorities

56. **Section 28** provides the Welsh Ministers with a power to do anything they consider likely to assist a Welsh improvement authority to comply with the requirements of this part of the Measure. This power is broad as it is impossible to specify precisely all of the forms that such support might take. However, the Welsh Ministers cannot use it to direct an authority or anyone else: for that, they would need to use the powers in s29, which are subject to pre-conditions. Under this section Welsh Ministers are required to consult the relevant Welsh improvement authority before providing support unless the relevant authority has asked for such support. Section 28 also requires Welsh Ministers to consult persons appearing to be “key stakeholders” affected by the exercise of the power in subsection (1).