



# Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 23

### PART 2

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES IN WALES

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#### STUDIES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

#### *Studies*

#### **42 Studies on impact of statutory provisions etc**

- (1) The Auditor General for Wales must undertake <sup>F1</sup>... studies designed to enable him to prepare reports as to the impact of—
  - (a) the operation of any statutory provisions, or
  - (b) any directions or guidance given by [<sup>F2</sup>the Welsh Ministers] (whether or not under a statutory provision),on economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the discharge of the functions of local government bodies in Wales.
- (2) The Auditor General for Wales must from time to time lay before [<sup>F3</sup>the National Assembly for Wales] a report of any matters which, in his opinion—
  - (a) arise out of studies under this section, and
  - (b) ought to be drawn to the attention of [<sup>F3</sup>the National Assembly for Wales].
- (3) Before undertaking <sup>F4</sup>... a study under this section, the Auditor General for Wales must consult—
  - (a) any associations of local government bodies in Wales which appear to him to be concerned, and
  - (b) any associations of employees which appear to him to be appropriate.

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*Changes to legislation:* There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, Section 42. (See end of Document for details)

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- (4) The Auditor General for Wales and the [<sup>F5</sup>Welsh Ministers] must co-operate with each other with respect to the exercise of their respective functions under this section and [<sup>F6</sup>sections 149A and 149B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (reviews of studies and research and other reviews relating to local authority social services functions carried out by the Welsh Ministers).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 42(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 paras. 2, 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, art. 3(1)
- F2** Words in s. 42(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 paras. 2, 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, art. 3(1)
- F3** Words in s. 42(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 paras. 2, 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, art. 3(1)
- F4** Words in s. 42(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 paras. 2, 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, art. 3(1)
- F5** Words in s. 42(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(5\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 paras. 2, 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, art. 3(1)
- F6** Words in s. 42(4) substituted (29.4.2019) by [Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 3 para. 23](#); S.I. 2019/864, art. 2(3)(d), [Sch.](#) (with arts. 3-13)

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