

*These notes refer to the Government of Wales Act 2006
(c.32) which received Royal Assent on 25 July 2006*

GOVERNMENT OF WALES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DETAILED COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS IN PART 2

Ministers, staff, etc

Section 48: Welsh Ministers

228. This section provides for the appointment of Ministers by the First Minister from among members of the Assembly. Appointments require the approval of Her Majesty. The Ministers appointed under this section, together with the First Minister, are known collectively as “the Welsh Ministers”.
229. A Minister may be removed from office by the First Minister and may resign at any time. A Minister must resign if the Assembly resolves that the Welsh Ministers no longer enjoy the confidence of the Assembly. Subsection (6) provides that a Minister ceases to hold office immediately upon resigning. A Minister also ceases to hold office upon ceasing to be a member of the Assembly other than by virtue of a dissolution (e.g. by resigning as an Assembly Member).