WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1106 (W. 280)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, WALES

The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) (Amendment) Order 2017

Made - - - - 15 November 2017

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on the National Assembly for Wales by article 23 of the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007(1) and now vested in them(2), make the following Order—

Title, commencement and application

- 1.—(1) The title of this Order is the National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) (Amendment) Order 2017.
 - (2) This Order comes into force the day after the day on which it is made.
 - (3) The Order applies in relation to Wales.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "Assembly constituency" ("etholaeth Cynulliad") is to be construed in accordance with section 2 of the Government of Wales Act 2006(3).

Amendment to the National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2016

- **3.**—(1) The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2016(4) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In article 2 (interpretation) omit the definition of "PCC election".
- (3) In articles 4, 5(1), 6(1), 7, 8(1) and 9(1), and in the headings to those articles and to Schedule 2, omit the words "held on the same day as a PCC election".
 - (4) For Schedule 1, substitute the following Schedule—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2007/236.

⁽²⁾ By virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) the powers of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers.

^{(3) 2006} c. 32. Section 2 was amended by the Parliamentary Voting and Constituencies Act 2011 (c. 1); sections 13(1), 13(2)(a) and 16 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 12 to, that Act.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2016/417 (W. 133).

"SCHEDULE 1

Articles 4, 5(1) and 6(1)

Overall maximum recoverable amount and maximum recoverable amounts for specified services and specified expenses at a contested Assembly constituency election

1.	2.	3.	4.
Assembly Constituency	Maximum recoverable amount for the specified services	Maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses	Overall maximum recoverable amount
Aberavon	£4,730.00	£162,732.00	£167,462.00
Aberconwy	£4,730.00	£113,416.00	£118,146.00
Alyn and Deeside	£4,730.00	£133,869.00	£138,599.00
Arfon	£4,730.00	£115,258.00	£119,988.00
Blaenau Gwent	£4,730.00	£174,354.00	£179,084.00
Brecon and Radnorshire	£4,730.00	£191,014.00	£195,744.00
Bridgend	£4,730.00	£141,228.00	£145,958.00
Caerphilly	£4,730.00	£172,693.00	£177,423.00
Cardiff Central	£4,730.00	£142,420.00	£147,150.00
Cardiff North	£4,730.00	£177,763.00	£182,493.00
Cardiff South and Penarth	£4,730.00	£197,707.00	£202,437.00
Cardiff West	£4,730.00	£162,764.00	£167,494.00
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	£4,730.00	£190,822.00	£195,552.00
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	£4,730.00	£173,850.00	£178,580.00
Ceredigion	£4,730.00	£165,255.00	£169,985.00
Clwyd South	£4,730.00	£157,430.00	£162,160.00
Clwyd West	£4,730.00	£149,982.00	£154,712.00
Cynon Valley	£4,730.00	£130,993.00	£135,723.00
Delyn	£4,730.00	£139,936.00	£144,666.00
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	£4,730.00	£163,850.00	£168,580.00
Gower	£4,730.00	£159,982.00	£164,712.00
Islwyn	£4,730.00	£150,767.00	£155,497.00
Llanelli	£4,730.00	£174,786.00	£179,516.00
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	£4,730.00	£168,128.00	£172,858.00
Monmouth	£4,730.00	£198,258.00	£202,988.00

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Assembly Constituency	Maximum recoverable amount for the specified services	Maximum recoverable amount for the specified expenses	Overall maximum recoverable amount
Montgomeryshire	£4,730.00	£141,920.00	£146,650.00
Neath	£4,730.00	£182,765.00	£187,495.00
Newport East	£4,730.00	£139,993.00	£144,723.00
Newport West	£4,730.00	£160,721.00	£165,451.00
Ogmore	£4,730.00	£136,181.00	£140,911.00
Pontypridd	£4,730.00	£158,580.00	£163,310.00
Preseli Pembrokeshire	£4,730.00	£173,779.00	£178,509.00
Rhondda	£4,730.00	£148,564.00	£153,294.00
Swansea East	£4,730.00	£153,310.00	£158,040.00
Swansea West	£4,730.00	£146,769.00	£151,499.00
Torfaen	£4,730.00	£175,871.00	£180,601.00
Vale of Clwyd	£4,730.00	£126,788.00	£131,518.00
Vale of Glamorgan	£4,730.00	£207,142.00	£211,872.00
Wrexham	£4,730.00	£118,331.00	£123,061.00
Ynys Môn	£4,730.00	£150,220.00	£154,950.00".

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Public Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

15 November 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for payments for services and expenses of returning officers in connection with the conduct of National Assembly for Wales elections.

This Order amends the National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/417 (W. 133)) ("the 2016 Order"). It is made under article 23 of the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/236). Article 23 provides that a constituency or a regional returning officer is entitled to recover charges in respect of services rendered or expenses incurred in connection with an Assembly election.

Article 3(2) amends article 2 of the 2016 Order by removing the definition of "PCC election".

Article 3(3) amends articles 4, 5(1), 6(1), 7, 8(1) and 9(1) of the 2016 Order by removing references to Police and Crime Commissioner elections (referred to in the 2016 Order as a PCC election).

As amended, article 4 of the 2016 Order specifies that the overall maximum recoverable amount for a contested Assembly constituency election is as shown in column 4 of the table in Schedule 1 to that Order

As amended, article 5 of the 2016 Order specifies that the maximum recoverable amount for services at a contested Assembly constituency election is as shown in column 2 of the table in Schedule 1 to that Order.

As amended, article 6 of the 2016 Order specifies that the maximum recoverable amount for expenses at a contested Assembly constituency election is as shown in column 3 of the table in Schedule 1 to that Order.

As amended, article 7 of the 2016 Order specifies that the overall maximum recoverable amount for a contested Assembly regional election is as shown in column 4 of the table in Schedule 2 to that Order.

As amended, article 8 of the 2016 Order specifies that the maximum recoverable amount for services at a contested Assembly regional election is as shown in column 2 of the table in Schedule 2 to that Order

As amended, article 9 of the 2016 Order specifies that the maximum recoverable amount for expenses at a contested Assembly regional election is as shown in column 3 of the table in Schedule 2 to that Order.

Article 3(3) of this Order also removes the references to Police and Crime Commissioner elections from the headings to articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2016 Order.

Article 3(4) substitutes Schedule 1 to the 2016 Order. The table contained at substituted Schedule 1 lists the overall maximum recoverable amount (column 4), and the maximum recoverable amounts for services (column 2) and expenses (column 3), by a constituency returning officer for, or in connection with, a contested election to the National Assembly for Wales.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice in the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.