HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Ancient Monuments Etc

Section 13 – Temporary stop notices

9ZL Temporary stop notice: compensation

- 100. Section 9ZL(1) and (2) sets out the compensation entitlement in respect of any loss or damage which can be directly attributed to the effect of a temporary stop notice. Compensation is only available in particular circumstances. It may be claimed if the works specified in a temporary stop notice do not contravene subsections (1) or (6) of section 2 of the 1979 Act (control of works affecting scheduled monuments) because scheduled monument consent is not required or has been granted on or before the date the notice is first displayed. It may also be claimed if the Welsh Ministers withdraw the temporary stop notice other than following the grant of scheduled monument consent authorising the works, because, for example, it is discovered that the works were not unauthorised and that the notice should not have been displayed.
- 101. Section 9ZL(4) specifies that no compensation will be payable for loss or damage if the claimant was required to provide information regarding the ownership of interests in the land in question under section 57 of the 1979 Act and the loss or damage could have been avoided if the claimant had provided that information or had otherwise cooperated with the Welsh Ministers when responding to the temporary stop notice.
- 102. Section 13(2) applies section 27 of the 1979 Act, which makes provision about compensation payable in respect of loss or damage consisting of depreciation of the value of an interest in land, to the compensation payable under section 9ZL for loss or damage attributable to the effect of a temporary stop notice.
- 103. Section 13(3) amends section 44 of the 1979 Act, which contains supplementary provisions with respect to powers of entry, to remove the requirement to give 24 hours' notice prior to the use of the power of entry to ascertain whether a temporary stop notice should be served, to display a notice or to ascertain compliance with a notice.
- 104. Section 13(4) amends subsection (3) of section 46 of the 1979 Act, which provides for compensation for damage arising from the exercise of certain powers under the Act, so that it will apply in cases of damage arising from the exercise of the new power of entry conferred by section 9ZJ.
- 105. Section 13(5) applies section 51 of the 1979 Act (ecclesiastical property) to any compensation paid as a result of the service of a temporary stop notice which relates to a scheduled monument on land that is ecclesiastical property.