

WELSH LANGUAGE (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 149 – The Welsh Language Partnership Council

294. This section places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to establish and maintain the Welsh Language Partnership Council (“the Partnership Council”).
295. Subsection (2) provides that the Welsh Minister with responsibility for the Welsh language must chair the Partnership Council. Provision is also made in relation to its membership.
296. Subsection (3) provides that in appointing members to the Partnership Council, Welsh Ministers must have regard to the fact that it is desirable for the Partnership Council’s membership to reflect the varying extent to which the Welsh language is used by those living in Wales.
297. The Partnership Council’s procedures are to be regulated by standing orders made by the Welsh Ministers in consultation with the Partnership Council. Standing orders may make provision about who should chair the Partnership Council in the absence of the Welsh Minister with responsibility for the Welsh language.
298. Subsection (6) provides for the Partnership Council to give advice or make representations to the Welsh Ministers in relation to the Welsh language strategy, (including the plan setting out how the Welsh Ministers will implement the proposals set out in the strategy).