CARE STANDARDS ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part V – the Children's Commissioner for Wales

Section 78 Interpretation

- 184. This section provides definitions for this Part of the Act. *Subsection (1)* provides that this Part of the Act applies to a child in respect of whom regulated children's services are provided in Wales. For example, a child accommodated in a children's home, or in foster care. *Subsections (2)* to *(5)* define the term "regulated children's services in Wales", and provide further clarification as to who is to be treated as the provider of particular regulated services.
- 185. Subsection (6) enables the Assembly to provide, in regulations, for the Commissioner to exercise his functions in respect of a matter that occurred prior to the commencement of this Part, and in respect of an adult who was a child receiving relevant services during a prescribed time. This will enable the Commissioner to investigate cases that come to light after his Office is established, even though the events took place prior to that time.