

*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 6

Welsh public records

Section 147: Transfer of responsibility

525. This section replicates the Lord Chancellor's order-making power under section 117 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 except in so far as post-separation the duty to preserve Welsh public records can only be imposed on the Welsh Assembly Government rather than on the Assembly.
526. It allows the Lord Chancellor (who is otherwise responsible for Welsh public records by virtue of section 146 and the Public Records Act 1958) to confer or impose functions, including responsibility for the preservation and safe-keeping of such records on the Welsh Ministers, or on a member of staff of the Welsh Assembly Government.
527. The Lord Chancellor must consult the Welsh Ministers before making an order under this section.