

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT****The National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No.2)(Wales) Regulations 2000****Background**

Under Regulation 34 of the National Health Service (General Medical Services) Regulations 1992 the payments which Health Authorities make to doctors in respect of the provision of general medical services are required to include provision in respect of "allowances for training doctors".

The present regulations will remove that requirement. This implements a change in the financing arrangements, whereby training will no longer be financed through the general medical services payment but through the post-graduate medical education budget.

An identical amendment has already been made for England by SI 2000/601 which was made on 1 March 2000 and came into force on 1 April 2000.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention under Standing Order 11.5.

General Observations**Explanatory Note**

It would be helpful if a little more explanation could be given in relation to the reference to "General Practice Registrars" in the third paragraph.

Regulation 1(2)

Given the length of footnote (a) it is suggested that it would be of assistance to the user if, in the printed version, each new sentence was started on a new line. For the future it is additionally suggested that a simpler format might be found for the list of items of amending legislation. An appropriate introductory reference would avoid the need to repeat "by" for each item.

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