

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) Regulations 2000

Background

The General Teaching Council for Wales takes up its functions on 1 September of this year.

Its functions include the maintenance of a register of teachers and the issue of a code of practice laying down standards of professional conduct and practice expected of registered teachers.

The present regulations contain detailed matters concerning the maintenance of the register and the disclosure of information contained in it. They also contain provision concerning the availability of copies of the Code of Practice.

Standing Order 11.5

Having had the opportunity of looking at an early draft of these Regulations, the legal advisers to the Committee were able to raise a number of points which have now been addressed in the present draft.

Thus no points are 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

Regulation 2(1)

In relation to the definition of "advanced skills teacher" the certification function was not vested in the Secretary of State for Wales and is not now vested in the Assembly. The definition comes from the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document. The Document has effect by virtue of the Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) Order, which is made under the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act 1991. Functions under that Act have not been transferred to the Assembly.

Footnote (p)

The cross-reference to footnote (g) will need to be changed when the footnotes are allocated to their relevant pages in the printed version.

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