



Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

Background

Local Authorities must pay non-domestic rating contributions to the National Assembly for Wales (Schedule 8, Local Government Finance Act 1988).

The calculations for these contributions are set out in the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) Regulations 1992 (“the 1992 Regulations”).

The calculations must be framed so that the amounts paid by the authorities are “broadly the same” as the total payable in respect of the year under sections 43 and 45 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

These Regulations make minor amendments to the calculations set out in the 1992 Regulations.

Similar regulations were made by the National Assembly, the Non Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1999, on 17 December 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”).

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.

General Observations

In view of the lengthy nature of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 8 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (some of the enabling powers referred to in the introductory paragraph), the citing of the paragraph could in some cases have been narrowed to include only the relevant sub-paragraphs. This point was previously raised by the Committee in its report on the 1999 Regulations on 14 March 2000.

Further, reference is made in the Schedule to “Article 2”. As these are regulations, the reference should be to “Regulation 2”. This should also be translated if it is a reference to Regulation 2 in the new Regulations. (Schedule 4 to the 1992 Regulations is first referred to in Regulation 6 of the 1992 Regulations, and consequently if this is part of the text that is to be inserted, the reference should be to “Regulation 6”).

There are also two typographical errors. It would appear that the software has turned the “i” into a capital “I” in “yn dod i rym” (coming into force). In addition “Cenedlaethol” is misspelt in the introductory paragraph. There is also an inverted comma missing at the end of the insertion in the Schedule.

The typographical errors and the reference to “Article 2” (which is for information only) can be amended in printing.

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