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The National Assembly for Wales**

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Background

These Regulations amend the Housing Renewal Grants Regulations 1996. They make changes to the means test for determining the amount of renovation grant and disabled facilities grant which may be paid by local housing authorities in respect of applications by owner-occupiers and tenants. Most of these amendments are consequential on changes to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 which have been made the Secretary of State for Social Security.

Regulations to the same effect are being made for England.

Standing Order 11.5

Having had the opportunity of looking at an early draft of these Regulations, the legal advisers to the Committee have been able to identify a number of points which have now been taken into account in this draft. Accordingly, no points are identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

General Observations

Explanatory Note

- It would be helpful to identify the amending SI which is referred to in the second paragraph.
- It might be clearer for users if the fourth paragraph was split into two paragraphs.

- It is thought that the reference to Regulation 7 in the fifth paragraph should appear at the beginning of the final sentence, which should then become a separate paragraph.

Regulation 8(c)

The inserted provision does not fit easily as (b)(iii). It would have been better as paragraph (c).

Regulation 13(b)

In the inserted subsection (7) the wording “with the period of study within that period” should read –

“Within the period of study”.

This is a typographical error which should be corrected on printing.

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