

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Council Tax (Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

Background

From the 3rd April 2000 accommodation for asylum seekers who appear to be destitute will be provided under the terms of Section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act") .

Section 8 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 enables the National Assembly to make Regulations specifying that it is the owner and not the resident of particular classes of dwelling that must pay council tax.

These Regulations provide that Council Tax liability for accommodation provided under Section 95 of the 1999 Act will fall on the owner of the property and not on the resident asylum seeker.

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

There are some very minor observations to be made:

It would appear as though the software system has changed the small "i" to a capital "I" twice in the first paragraph of the Explanatory Note, once in the third paragraph of the Explanatory Note and once again in the Introductory paragraph.

"Wedi'u" has been typed incorrectly in the third paragraph of the Explanatory Note.

One version of "class F" in the amending text is in bold, and the other is not. This may be as a result of an anomaly in the computer system.

The footnotes will be sorted so as to appear on the relevant pages of the Order in the final printed version.

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Chair

Legislation Committee

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