

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Background

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

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

The rules 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 updating amendments to those rules.

The regulations were made under the urgency procedure on 17 December 1999 and came into force on 31 December 1999.

Standing Order 11.5

It is not considered that there are any issues arising under Standing Order 11.5 that the Committee should report as requiring special attention.

Comments on the Regulations

In view of the lengthy nature of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 8 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (which are referred to in the introductory paragraph), the paragraphs could in some cases have been narrowed to include only the relevant sub-paragraphs .

Two minor typographical errors were identified in the Schedule and incorporated into the final signed copy. "Merthyr" is miss-spelt in the Welsh version, and there is a missing comma

"Rhondda, Cynon, Taff" in the English version".

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Legislation Committee

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