

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue:
Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date:
4 October 2012

Meeting time:
10:30

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Agenda

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Prof. Lynda Warren
Dr. Peter Jones, University College London

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6. Inquiry into marine policy in Wales – Evidence from DG Environment, European Commission (13.00 – 13.45)

Astrid Schomaker, Head of Unit – Marine Environment & Water Industry, DG Environment
Sibylle Grohs, DG Environment

7. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to exclude the public from the Committee meeting on 10 October (13.45)

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 19 July 2012**

Meeting time: **10:00 – 11:20**

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Vaughan Gething
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Julie James
William Powell (Chair)
David Rees
Antoinette Sandbach**

Witnesses:

**Prys Davies, Energy, Water and Flood Division
Nicola Edwards, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk
Management Team
John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable
Development**

Committee Staff:

**Lara Date (Clerk)
Alun Davidson (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Lisa Llewellyn (Researcher)**

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Dafydd Elis-Thomas. There was no substitution.

2. Inquiry into coastal protection – Evidence from the Minister for Environment & Sustainable Development

2.1 The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide the following additional information as requested by members of the Committee:

- A table showing separated figures for funding allocations for flood and coastal erosion risk management from the Departmental budget, core central government budget and European programmes.
- Information on joint working with the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science on the Green Sea Partnership in relation to coastal protection and tourism.

3. Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill – Water Legislative Consent Motion

3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Committee agreed to report to the Assembly that it has no objection to the use of this legislative consent motion, as proposed by the Welsh Government.

4. Papers to note

4.1 Inquiry into coastal protection – Paper from the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

4.1 The paper was noted.

5. Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 6

5.1 The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the meeting.

6. Discussion on forward work programme – autumn 2012

6.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme for autumn 2012.

7. Common Agricultural Policy – draft letter

7.1 The Committee agreed the Common Agricultural Policy draft letter.

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Venue: **Royal Welsh Show – Builth Wells**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 25 July 2012**

Meeting time: **11:00 – 12:33**

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Witnesses:

**Alun Davies, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food,
Fisheries and European Programmes**
Gary Haggaty, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Lara Date (Clerk)
Peter Hill (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 No apologies were received.

2. General scrutiny of the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes

2.1 The Deputy Minister responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 In relation to fishing quotas, the Deputy Minister offered to provide further information on data collection from the inshore fleet in Wales.

3. Inquiry into Glastir – Evidence from the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes

3.1 The Deputy Minister responded to questions from members of the Committee.

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23 July 2012

Dear *Dafydd,*

Thank you for your letter of the 3 July following my attendance at the Environment and Sustainability Committee - Financial Scrutiny on 27 June. You have requested further information arising from this session and I hope the following will be helpful to the Committee.

Linking of funding to specific Programme for Government commitments

Officials are giving detailed consideration on how we can strengthen our focus on delivery and performance management. This will include reviewing progress against key delivery objectives and the Programme for Government. I am pleased that officials from across the Welsh Government are engaging in this important piece of work. The continued development of better ways of supporting the work of Ministers and the Government and drawing together better our evidence based delivery information and our financial allocations will improve transparency around the work of the Government and improve advice to Ministers. The aim is to support the delivery of the outcomes in the Programme for Government.

As we know the current Budget Action level of reporting was in place before Programme for Government was introduced, and it is these actions that are the most appropriate level to link budgets and performance. Initial work on aligning budgets to Programme for Government commitments is well underway, and a series of mapping exercises have been undertaken to map the current budget actions to Programme for Government sub outcomes. This process is still being refined and during 2012/13 officials across the Welsh Government will continue this work through a Planning and Reporting Group on which my finance officials are representing my portfolio. An extract as an example of this mapping is currently shown in **Annex A** which I hope will give the Committee assurance that this important piece of work is being developed.

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Details of Wildlife Improvement Projects

At the Wales Biodiversity Partnership (WBP) conference on 14 September 2011, I announced £1million funding for Ecosystem resilience, diversity and compliance projects. Following this announcement, the WBP Ecosystem chairs agreed to act as the grant assessment panel for determining applications, based on criteria developed by Welsh Government officials and Countryside Council for Wales (CCW).

Expressions of interest from 140 projects with a funding requirement in excess of £22million were received. With the assistance of CCW those projects were reduced to a shortlist worth approximately £7million. The WBP ecosystem group chairs were given the shortlist and asked to score and recommend the most suitable projects for funding.

The panel of ecosystem chairs met at Ladywell House, Newtown on 21 October 2011 to consider the scored projects. The projects were assessed against a number of essential and desirable criteria. The essential criteria consisted of:

- Projects must deliver positive outcomes for ecosystems health, diversity and resilience
- Projects should address the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network by:
 - Restoring, expanding or connecting landscape features important for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of wild species,
 - Mitigating or reversing the underlying causes of ecosystem degradation.
- Projects must include details of continuation arrangements or longer term sustainability of the outcomes where applicable

The projects on the attached list at **Annex B** details the schemes which were funded and delivered.

£1m transfer from Flood Risk and Water BEL to the Single Environment Body BEL 12/13 as part of First Supplementary

As we discussed during the scrutiny committee, during 2011/12 officials within my department identified a £6m forecast underspend in the TB Eradication budget, predominantly due to the TB Scientific review being undertaken during that year.

I subsequently approved that funding from within the TB Eradication budget be reallocated to support other priorities and pressures from within my portfolio. Part of this reallocation was for revenue to capital transfer in order to fund capital pressures and to bring forward flood and risk management schemes planned during 2012/13 into 2011/12. This essentially released some of the commitments within the Flood capital programme in 2012/13 to allow for a £1m capital transfer to the Single Environment Body infrastructure budget.

As part of the development programme for the Single Environment Body, there is an ICT implementation project to enable the new body to operate effectively on vesting date and to meet its statutory and legal responsibilities.

The cost of devolution of building regulations to the Welsh Government

We anticipate increasing demands as a consequence of the new responsibilities for Building Regulations. These arise out of the need to respond to EU directives and increased external expectations from disability and home safety interests and local authorities in relation to the building control function. There are a number of technical actions proposed by England and other home nations which we may need to consider ensuring that guidance in Wales remains up to date.

The budget allocated to the Construction Unit going forward is £0.824 million for 2012/13 and £0.784 million for 2013/14, which reflects the cost saving which are required across my portfolio. I believe that these budget allocations reflect our best understanding of what might be expected as a result of the Building Regulations and the Fire Safety Measure.

As an indication of the additional costs as a result of the devolution of the Building Regulations, the current Part L review has had a cost of £2.326 million including staff costs since 2010 and was as follows:

2010/11 £0.484m

2011/12 £1.257m

2012/13 £0.585m

The costs in 2011/12 were higher than in the other two years of the development period due to the cost of technical support for the detailed modelling work and the development of new technical standards to achieve the required energy efficiency savings in domestic and non domestic properties in Wales. The Construction Unit budget also covers the sponsorship of Constructing Excellence in Wales, which includes the Wales Low/Zero Carbon Hub

Likely costs relating to implementation of the Fire Safety Measure

Work is commencing on the development of regulations and technical requirements relating to sprinkler systems with the intention of introducing regulations in the second half of 2013.

Development work in 2012/13 has been estimated in the region of £80,000, which includes additional staff resources. The Welsh Government has made budget provision to meet the requirements of implementing the Fire Safety Measure within the existing Construction Unit budget, but I have asked that officials inform me if potential additional resources may be required.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

ANNEX A

Extract from the Draft mapping exercise which aims to link the budgets to Programme for Government Sub Outcomes via the Budget Actions.

PfG Sub Outcome	Current Budget Action	MEG	Budget £000
Living within environmental limits and acting on climate change	Deliver nature conservation and marine policies	ESD	2,410
	Develop appropriate evidence base	ESD	
	Develop and deliver overarching policy and programmes on sustainable development and environment	ESD	13,510
	Develop and implement climate change, emission prevention, and fuel poverty policy, communications, legislation and regulation	ESD	31,287
	Manage and Implement the Waste Strategy and waste procurement	ESD	90,204
	Planning Policy Development, Planning Inspectorate and regulation	ESD	7,403

Please note, this mapping exercise is currently in development and may be liable to change as the processes are being refined during the summer.

ANNEX B

Ecosystem resilience, diversity and compliance funding

Outline of CCW role in projects approved by the ecosystem chair panel

Project Title	Organisation	£ Funding Agreed to 2012	Location	CCW Role (Administer / Deliver)
Llanmynech Hill - Limestone Habitat restoration and sustainable management	Llanmynech Butterfly Project	27,500	Powys	Deliver (via existing s15 agreement)
Supporting the recovery of Spreading Bellflower (<i>Campanula patula</i>) and Bastard Balm (<i>Melittis melissophyllum</i>)	Plantlife Cymru	26,620	Powys & Ceredigion	Admin
Eradication of invasive marine species <i>Didendum vexillum</i>	CCW	262,000	Anglesey	Deliver
Restoration of degraded blanket bog on Berwyn Migneint SAC	National Trust	190,321	Conwy & Gwynedd	Admin
A Woollen Line - Pen Trumau – Peat Restoration	Brecon Beacon National Park	6,300	Powys	Admin
Removal of <i>Rhododendron</i> from Cwm Dulais	Pori Natur a Threftadaeth Ltd (PONT)	49,500	Swansea	Admin
Conserving <i>Luronium natans</i> on the Montgomeryshire canal.	British Waterways	60,000	Powys	Admin
Ynys hir nature reserve, ecosystem function restoration	RSPB	49,000	Ceredigion	Admin
North East Wales Orchard Recovery Project	North Wales Wildlife Trust/ Flintshire County Council	42,500	Flintshire	Admin
Delivery of Ecosystem Services within the Pumlumon Area	Wildlife Trusts Wales	65,000	Ceredigion & Powys	Admin

Conservation grazing of grassland and heath	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park	21,500	Pembrokeshire	Admin
Million Ponds Project Continuation Funding in Wales	Million Ponds Project	9,430	Caerphilly Gwynedd Conwy	Admin
Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses NNR - cross border sustainable management and restoration of heathland and mire	Natural England & CCW	79,375	Wrexham	Deliver (NNR budget)
Gwendraeth Grasslands	Wildlife Trusts Wales on behalf of wider partnership	12,124	Carmarthenshire	Admin
Geomorphological work on sanddune rejuvenation	CCW	50,000	Welsh Coast	Deliver
Working Woods for Wildlife Project	Wildlife Trusts Wales on behalf of wider partnership	48,830	Newport, Monmouth, Powys	Admin
	Total	£1,000,000		



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12 September 2012

Annwyl Dafydd,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Environment and Sustainability Committee on 19 July 2012 to give evidence as part of your Inquiry into Coastal Protection in Wales. Further to information I provided during the evidence session, you requested that I provide the following additional information:

- 1) A table showing separated figures for funding allocations for flood and coastal erosion risk management from the Departmental budget, core central Government budget and European programmes;
- 2) Information on joint working with the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science on the Green Sea Partnership in relation to coastal protection and tourism.

I am pleased to enclose a paper covering the information above; I hope that you find the information useful. I will look forward to receiving your report and recommendations.

Best wishes

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Environment & Sustainability Committee Supplementary information

The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development attended the Environment and Sustainability Committee on 19 July 2012 to give evidence as part of their Inquiry into Coastal Protection in Wales. At the meeting the committee requested the following additional information:

- 1) A table showing separated figures for funding allocations for flood and coastal erosion risk management from the Departmental budget, core central Government budget and European programmes;
- 2) Information on joint working with the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science on the Green Sea Partnership in relation to coastal protection and tourism.

The purpose of this paper is to provide the above supplementary information.

Funding Allocations for flood and coastal erosion risk management

For clarity the table overleaf identifies the annual Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget separately from the additional funding received towards flood and coastal erosion risk management activities from other sources in year.

The Departmental Budget

The Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget had been increasing up to the most recent UK Spending Review (October 2010) which resulted in a reduced overall block budget for the Welsh Government. Since its peak in 2010/11 the reduction in the Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget has been more than offset by the additional funding received from other sources such as the European Regional Development Fund and access to additional sources of central capital funding. Going forward the Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget is set to increase to £37.1million in 2013/14.

Additional Capital Funding for FCERM from other sources.

The Welsh Government was successful in bidding for almost £50 million¹ in funding from the European Regional Development Fund to support a programme of flood and coastal risk management schemes over the five years from 2009-2014.

Additional Welsh Government central capital funding from the Strategic Capital Investment Fund was allocated to provide the match funding necessary to draw

¹ The £50 million European Regional Development Fund programme includes £6 million allocated to Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water for flood risk schemes. This is not included within the table as these are not Welsh Government funded.

down the European Regional Development Fund monies in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Further Welsh Government central capital funding from both the Centrally Retained Capital fund and under the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan was allocated towards flood and coastal erosion risk management activities in 2011/12 and 2012/13. In addition to this further funding was allocated in 2011/12 via a transfer of divisional funds.

Total Expenditure Profile

The annual Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget rose to £38.6 million in 2010/11 but has since been consistently around £36-£37 million.

It is the additional capital funding received which has given rise to the peak and the subsequent apparent year on year 'reductions' in funding. 2010/11 was the peak year in the European Regional Development Fund scheme construction programme which, with the additional Strategic Capital Investment Fund match funding received, resulted in expenditure of £61.5 million in year.

From 2010/11 the European Regional Development Fund programme is set to run down and close in 2014/15. Further bids have been made for funding under the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan for both 2013/14 and 14/15.

Changes in the Table

A review of the original table submitted to the Environment and Sustainability Committee in June 2012 has found some double counting in the figures produced and these have been corrected in the table overleaf.

The Table has also been updated with the latest European Regional Development Fund forecasts.

Funding Allocations for flood and coastal erosion risk management.

For clarity the table below identifies the annual Departmental Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Budget separately from the additional funding received from other sources in year.

Financial Year	Annual Departmental FCERM Budget			Additional Capital Funding Received In Year				Total Funding (FCERM + Additional sources)
	Capital	Revenue	Total FCERM Budget	SCIF	CRC/WIIP	Divisional Transfers	ERDF	
2007/08	15.5	16.7	32.2					32.2
2008/09	18.8	16.9	35.7					35.7
2009/10	19.5	18.6	38.1	3.0			3.3	44.4
2010/11	18.5	20.1	38.6	5.0		0.8	17.1	61.5
2011/12	17.0	19.7	36.7		2.2	3.5	9.5	51.9
2012/13	14.7	21.0	35.7		6.0		6.0	47.7
2013/14	9.8	27.3	37.1		Bid pending		6.1	43.2
2014/15	9.8	27.3	37.1		Bid pending		1.5	38.6

FCERM – Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management
 SCIF – Strategic Capital Investment Fund

CRC – Central Capital Retained Capital
 WIIP - Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan

Note – the table does not reflect the Departmental budget exchange of £1 million made in 2011/12 and 2012/13 between the Living Wales Programme and Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme. This was essentially a departmental budget management exercise which brought forward £1 million in flood and coastal erosion risk management grant payments programmed for 2012/13 into 2011/12 to utilise available Living Wales budgets, with the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme budget 'paying back' the £1 million to the Living Wales Programme in 2012/13.

Information on joint working with the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science on the Green Sea Partnership in relation to coastal protection and tourism.

The Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science Department leads on the sustainable development of the coastline, working in partnership with the Department for Environment and Sustainable Development, along with other Welsh Government Departments and a range of external stakeholders.

Effective flood and coastal erosion risk management is integral to the sustainability of the Welsh coastline.

The Green Sea Partnership

The aim of the Green Sea Partnership is to achieve a co-ordinated practical approach to improving the quality of our coastal environment, focusing on bathing water and beach quality and the safe use of our beaches. The Partnership consists of a wide ranging stakeholder group with an interest in the sustainable development of the coast. Its main remit is to oversee and implement the agreed Green Seas Action Plan.

The aim and objectives for the group are set out in the Green Sea Partnership Development Plan 2006-2015.

Since its launch in May 1996, the partnership has encouraged the up take of the existing codes of conduct and marine codes in operation in Wales and has achieved considerable success in improving the quality of Wales' coastline and increasing the number of award winning beaches in Wales. For 2012, Wales achieved the following beach awards:

- 43 Blue Flag beaches,
- 5 Blue Flag marinas,
- 51 Green Coast Awards,
- more than 100 Seaside Awards.

As a result of the Partnership, in 2001 over £1m of funding was secured jointly with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water via the Objective 1 programme and in 2009 £2.75m was secured as part of the wider Coastal Tourism Environment for Growth project to develop and improve facilities on and around our beaches.

The Green Sea Partnership Forum is held on a biannual basis and is attended by a wide range of stakeholders including local authorities, beach managers, the Environment Agency, Keep Wales Tidy, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and Welsh Government officials.

Bathing Water Quality

Central to achieving a high number of beach awards in Wales is that bathing water quality remains as high as possible. The Water Branch within the

Department for Environment and Sustainable Development is responsible for administering the implementation of the requirements of Bathing Water Directive (76/160/EEC).

Water Branch officials work closely with both external and internal colleagues including the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science and Keep Wales Tidy to ensure that we deliver sustainable water quality improvements for Wales.

Keep Wales Tidy, who administer the Blue Flag scheme in Wales, has received £320,000 core funding from the Local Environmental Quality Team within the Department for Environment and Sustainable Development for the period 2012/13.

From the beginning of the bathing season 2012 it became a legal requirement of the revised Bathing Water Directive for information about water quality and potential sources of pollution to be displayed at beaches and inland waters throughout the European Union which had been designated as bathing waters. This information is intended to enable bathers at these sites to make an informed decision on when and where to bathe.

To assist bathing water controllers to meet these new signage obligations, Water Branch made £39,600 funding available to local authorities and private controllers in 2011. Detailed controller guidance was issued in September 2011 and a stakeholder workshop was undertaken to support that guidance.

Water Branch has also introduced a new process for identifying new designated bathing waters in Wales this year and as part of that process, colleagues from the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science and Keep Wales Tidy will be taking part in the application assessment process which will take place in January 2013.

In 2011 over 98% of EC designated bathing waters in Wales complied with the mandatory standards of the Bathing Water Directive. This means that performance against the more stringent EC guidelines standards is the best ever achieved for Wales with over 93% of beaches meeting this standard.

This year (2012) sees a further seven bathing waters in Wales designated, bringing the total number in Wales to one hundred.

Water Branch provides environmental quality updates for the Green Sea Partnership Forum and other associated meetings on a regular basis.

Maintaining high quality bathing waters also provides benefits for the people and economy in Wales, particularly in relation to tourism. The Welsh Government is committed to maintaining and achieving high bathing water quality standards and will reiterate the importance of this in the forthcoming consultation on water policy which will give us the opportunity to explore future options to set out Welsh Government policy in relation to Bathing Waters. Water Branch will work closely with colleagues in the Department of Business,

Enterprise, Technology and Science and the Green Sea Partnership in the development of any new policy options.

Water Branch will also be establishing a communications group to engage key stakeholders, including Keep Wales Tidy, water companies and colleagues in the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science. The aim of this group is to ensure that we have a communications strategy for Wales to deliver clear and consistent messages to people living in and visiting Wales about the high standard of our bathing water quality. This is essential in taking forward the new Bathing Water Directive classifications requirement which comes into force in 2015.

Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management - Multiple Benefits

There is a history of partnership working between the Department of Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science and the Department for Environment and Sustainable Development, which seeks to improve access to and the use of our coastline. The following are examples of specific schemes that resulted in multiple benefits beyond flood and coastal erosion risk management:

- In partnership with Ceredigion County Council the proposed coastal defence reef at Borth was adapted to improve surfing conditions and encourage surfing tourism;
- A Sustrans Cycle route constructed on top of our scheme at the Taff Trail;
- Coastal defence improvements at Colwyn Bay were combined with promenade amenity works under a single construction contract. Following completion of that scheme Regeneration is now funding a watersports centre at the site which is currently being constructed. Further jointly funded works are proposed at Colwyn Bay with the next phase of coastal defence works importing sand to raise existing beach levels, which will not only improve the standard of protection against flood and coastal erosion but also enhance its tourism amenity;
- Flood and coastal erosion risk management funding for Phases 1 and 2 of the West Rhyl scheme are enabling a second regeneration project to take place that includes harbour improvements, a cycling route and the construction of a new, innovative bridge. Discussions have taken place regarding joint funding to deliver tourism enhancements as part of the next phase of the West Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme; and
- Signboards and a viewing platform at Valley, Anglesey to encourage tourists interested in observing local wildlife.

Officials from both Departments have also participated in a range of working groups including the Beach Nourishment Steering Group, which includes representation from the Environment Agency, the Countryside Council for Wales and the Crown Estate.

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21 August 2012

DATA COLLECTION FROM THE INSHORE FLEET IN WALES

At the Environment and Sustainability Committee on Wednesday 25 July 2012, I offered to share a copy of the pack that was issued to vessels that are 10 metre or under in length and target finfish. The pack is attached to this letter.

As I indicated, I will write again in December 2012 setting out any findings that result from the data collection exercise.

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Notes for Guidance

1. Completion of form

(a) Vessels required to complete monthly return

This form must be completed by all masters of fishing vessels that are 10 metre and under in length, with a Fishing Vessel Licence that fish from Welsh ports and capture **fin fish** of any description. Shellfish landings must still be recorded on the Monthly Shellfish Activity Returns.

(b) General

An entry on each line should be made for each day you fish. The form must be submitted to the Fisheries office, using the pre-paid envelope, no later than the 7th day of the following calendar month.

Nil Returns are required (if you make a nil return, please tick the box at the foot of the form to indicate that it is a nil return).

Important: The information on this form will enable Welsh Government to understand the level of fin fish landed into Wales by fishing vessels that are 10 metres and under in length and to assist with the development of a track record for quota. It is important that the information supplied is accurate as checks will be undertaken against the Register of Buyers and Sellers. Any forms that make unsubstantiated claims or appear to exaggerate landings will be rejected and will not feature as part of any track record.

2. Procedure for completion

(a) Entries on the form must be legible and indelible.

(b) Each form must be signed by the owner/master

3. Information concerning the vessel, gear and catch

The following general information on the vessel is to be filled in at the top of the form:

- Vessel Name
- Vessel Registration Number
- Month and year of return
- Port of landing
- To whom have you mainly sold your fish
- Gear type

Reference no. 1 – Fishing day (please include the **date** here).

All information regarding the catch for that date in the month must be completed across the page.

Reference no. 2 – Area. Insert the **6 character code** obtained by reference to the attached maps on pages 3 and 4.

Reference no. 3 – Species of **finfish** caught making use of the **codes** on pages 5 and 6. If the species is not listed, please include the common name in full.

Reference no. 4 – Weight of catch in kilograms

4. Responsibilities of the owner/master in respect of the Finfish Catch Return form

- To enter the data for each day fished;
- To certify with their signature that the data and other information entered in this form are correct;
- Submit completed form to the fisheries office in the pre-paid envelope provided.

Data protection

The Welsh Government collects and holds a range of information and data on the fishing industry and related activities. This is covered by the Data Protection Act. **Please note that information collected by this form will only be used for determining the level of fin fish catch to assist with:**

- determining quota levels; and
- determining the up take of quota; and
- stock assessment and research undertaken on behalf of Welsh Government's Fisheries Unit; and
- the management, monitoring and control of the Common Fisheries Policy and for other conservation, management, control and enforcement functions.

In order to perform these functions, such data may be disclosed to DEFRA, the Marine Management Organisation, CEFAS and any other bodies undertaking stock assessment, quota management and research on behalf of Welsh Government. **The Welsh Government may also publish or disclose all data, in an anonymous and or aggregated form, to other organisations, bodies or persons for other purposes, including scientific research. Your data will not be issued to any other organisation or used for any other purposes without your express permission.**

Nodiadau er Gwybodaeth

1. Llenwi'r ffurflen

(a) Llongau sydd angen llenwi ffurflen bob mis

Rhaid i gapteiniaid llongau pysgota sy'n 10 metr a llai o hyd, sydd â Thrwydded Llongau Pysgota, sy'n pysgota o borthladdoedd yng Nghymru ac sy'n dal **pysgod asgellog** o unrhyw fath, llenwi'r ffurflen hon. Rhaid parhau i gofnodi glaniad pysgod cregyn ar y Ffurflen Weithgarwch Pysgod Cregyn Misol.

(b) Cyffredinol

Dylech gofnodi cofnod ar bob llinell ar gyfer y diwrnod y byddwch chi'n pysgota. Rhaid cyflwyno'r ffurflen i'r swyddfa Bysgodfeydd, gan ddefnyddio'r amlen barod, erbyn 7fed diwrnod y mis calendr canlynol fan bellaf.

Rhaid nodi dalfeydd o ddim (os byddwch chi'n nodi dim, ticiwch y bocs ar waelod y ffurflen i nodi eich bod yn rhoi gwybod am ddalfeydd o ddim).

Pwysig: Bydd yr wybodaeth ar y ffurflen hon yn galluogi Llywodraeth Cymru i ddeall faint o bysgod asgellog a ddaliwyd yng Nghymru gan longau pysgota sy'n 10 metr a llai o hyd ac yn cynorthwyo gyda datblygu cofnod ar gyfer cwota. Mae'n bwysig bod yr wybodaeth a roddir yn gywir gan y bydd gwiriadau yn cael eu cynnal yn erbyn y Gofrestr o Brynwyr a Gwerthwyr. Bydd unrhyw ffurflenni sy'n gwneud honiadau di-sail neu'n ymddangos fel petaent yn gorliwio glaniadau yn cael eu gwrthod ac ni fyddant yn ymddangos fel rhan o unrhyw gofnod.

2. Trefn ar gyfer Llenwi'r Ffurflen

(a) Rhaid i'r cofnodion ar y ffurflen fod yn ddarllenadwy ac yn annileadwy.

(b) Rhaid i'r perchennog/capten lofnodi pob ffurflen.

3. Gwybodaeth yn ymwneud â'r llong, y gerau a'r ddalfa

Rhaid llenwi'r wybodaeth gyffredinol a ganlyn am y llong ar frig y ffurflen:

- Enw'r llong
- Rhif Cofrestru'r llong
- Mis a blwyddyn y llenwyd y ffurflen
- Y porthladd glanio
- I bwy rydych chi wedi gwerthu eich pysgod iddynt yn bennaf
- Math o gêr

Rhif Cyfeirnod 1 – Diwrnod pysgota (rhowch y dyddiad yma). Rhaid i'r holl wybodaeth am y ddalfa ar gyfer y dyddiad hwnnw yn y mis gael ei llenwi ar draws y dudalen.

Rhif Cyfeirnod 2 – Ardal. Rhowch y cyfeirnod 6 digid a geir drwy gyfeirio at y mapiau amgaaedig ar dudalennau 3 a 4.

Rhif Cyfeirnod 3 – Mathau o bysgod asgellog a ddaliwyd gan ddefnyddio'r codau ar dudalennau 5 a 6. Os nad yw'r rhywogaeth yn cael ei restru, nodwch yr enw cyffredin yn llawn.

Rhif Cyfeirnod 4 – Pwysau'r ddalfa mewn cilogramau

4. Cyfrifoldebau'r perchennog/capten mewn perthynas â'r Ffurflen Cofnodi Dalfeydd Pysgod Asgellog:

- Cofnodi'r data ar gyfer pob diwrnod y buoch yn pysgota;
- Ardystio bod y data a'r wybodaeth arall a roddir ar y ffurflen hon yn gywir, drwy ei llofnodi;
- Cyflwyno'r ffurflen a lenwyd i'r swyddfa bysgodfeydd yn yr amlen barod.

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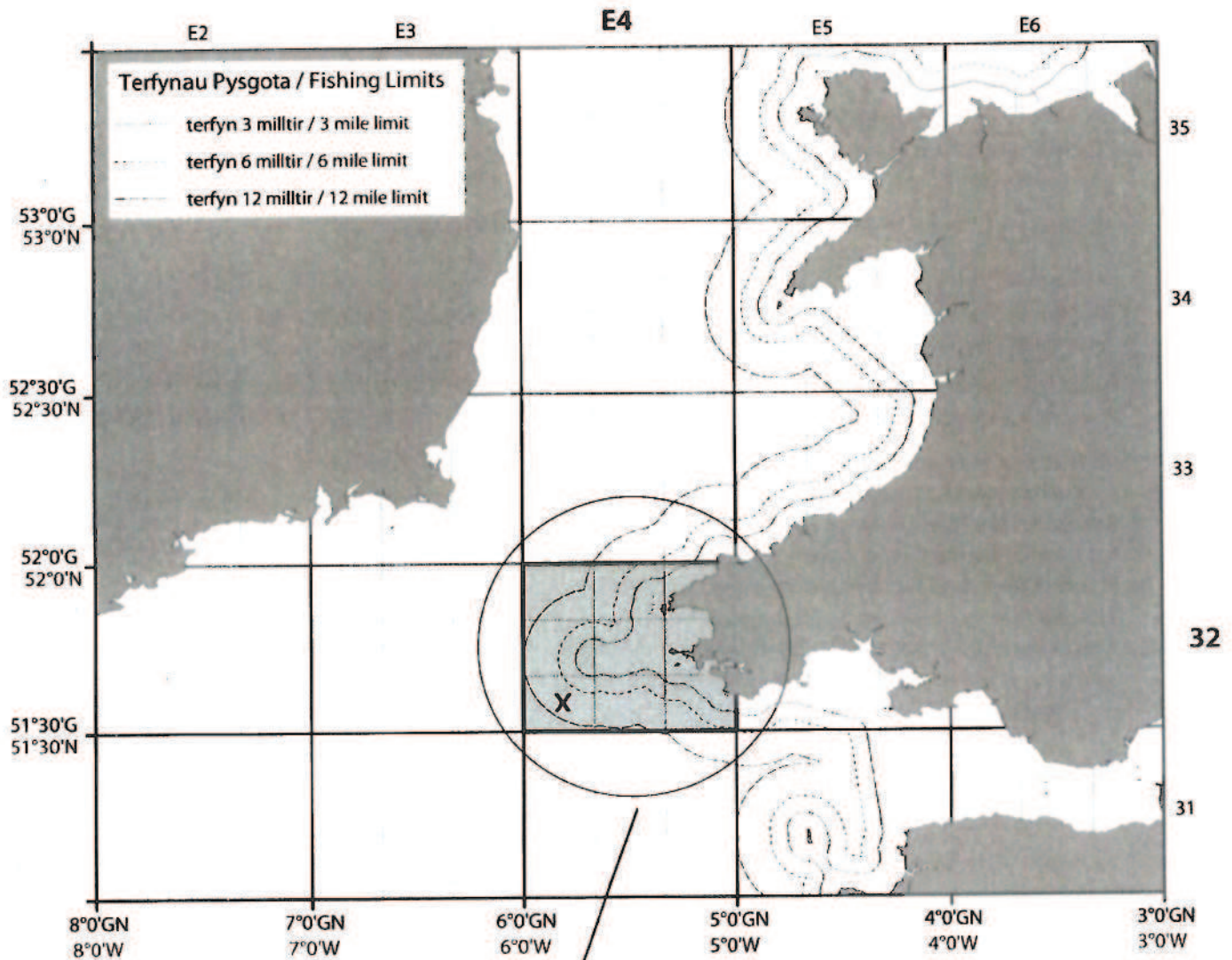
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- pennu lefelau'r cwota;
- phennu faint o ddefnydd a wneir o'r cwota;
- asesu stoc ac ymchwil a wneir ar ran Uned Bysgodfeydd Llywodraeth Cymru;
- rheoli, monitro a rheolaeth o'r Polisi Pysgodfeydd Cyffredin ac ar gyfer swyddogaethau gorfodi, rheoli, rheolaeth a chadwraeth eraill.

Er mwyn cyflawni'r swyddogaethau hyn, efallai y bydd data o'r fath yn cael ei ddatgelu i DEFRA, y Sefydliad Rheoli Morol, CEFAS ac unrhyw gorff arall sy'n asesu stoc, rheoli cwota a chynnal ymchwil ar ran Llywodraeth Cymru. Efallai y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru hefyd yn cyhoeddi neu'n datgelu'r holl ddata, ar ffurf ddiennw a/neu gyda'i gilydd, i sefydliadau, cyrff neu unigolion eraill at ddibenion eraill, gan gynnwys ymchwil gwyddonol. Ni fydd eich data yn cael ei roi i unrhyw sefydliad arall na'i ddefnyddio at unrhyw ddibenion eraill heb eich caniatâd.

Mapiau er Gwybodaeth / Maps for guidance

Cymru / Wales



Enghraifft / Example:

Hirsgwar / Rectangle = 32E4

Is-hirsgwar / Subrectangle = 3

Llain / Belt = C

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2	5	8
3	6	9

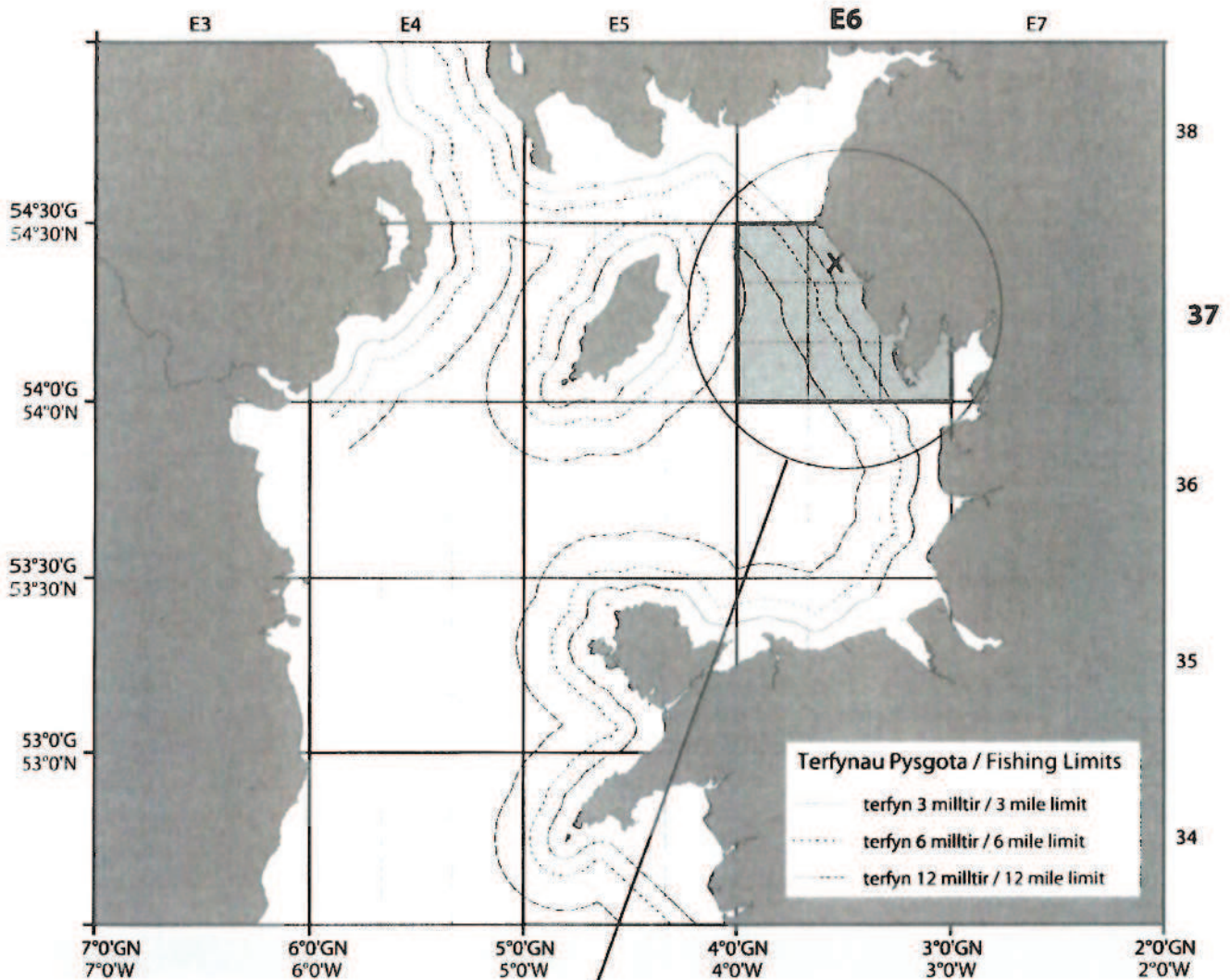
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A	= 0 - 3 milltir / 0 - 3 miles
B	= 3 - 6 milltir / 3 - 6 miles
C	= 6 - 12 milltir / 6 - 12 miles
D	= Y tu allan i'r llain 12 milltir / Outside 12 miles

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The cross on the chart above is an example of a fishing position. In this example the area code is constructed from the rectangle coordinates 32E4, the subrectangle 3 and the belt C giving the six character reference: 32E43C

Mapiau er Gwybodaeth / Maps for guidance

Gogledd Orllewin Lloegr & Gogledd Cymru / North West of England & North Wales



Enghraifft / Example:

Hirsgwar / Rectangle = 37E6

Is-hirsgwar / Subrectangle = 4

Llain / Belt = A

1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

Llain (pellter o) / Belt (distance off):	
A	0 – 3 milltir / 0 – 3 miles
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Common Demersal Species

Common Name	FAO Name	Scientific Name
Bass	BSS	Dicentrarchus labrax
Brill	BLL	Scophthalmus rhombus
Cod	COD	Gadus morhua
Conger Eels	COE	Conger conger
Cuttlefish	CTL	Sepiidae, sepiolidae
Dabs	DAB	Limanda limanda
Dover Sole	SOL	Solea solea
Flounder	FLE	Platichthys flesus
Grey Mullet	MUL	Mugilidae
Gurnard	GUX	Triglidae
Haddock	HAD	Melanogrammus aeglefinus
Hake	HKE	Merluccius merluccius
John Dory	JOD	Zeus faber
Lemon Sole	LEM	Microstomus kitt
Ling	LIN	Molva molva
Megrim	LEZ	Lepidorhombus spp
Monks Or Anglers	ANF	Lophiidae
Nephrops	NEP	Nephrops norvegicus
Octopus	OCT	Octopodidae
Plaice	PLE	Pleuronectes platessa
Pollack, Lythe	POL	Pollachius pollachius
Pouting	BIB	Trisopterus luscus
Red Gurnard	GUR	Chelidonichthys cuculus
Red Mullet	MUR	Mullus surmuletus
Saithe, Coal Fish	POK	Pollachius virens
Sand Sole	SOS	Solea lascaris
Sea Breams	SBX	Sparidae
Squid	SQC	Loligo spp
Turbot	TUR	Psetta maxima
Whiting	WHG	Merlangius merlangus
Witch	WIT	Glyptocephalus cynoglossus

Common Ray Species

Common Name	FAO Name	Scientific Name
Blonde Ray	RJH	Raja brachyura
Cuckoo Ray	RJN	Leucoraja naevus
Sandy Ray	RJI	Leucoraja circularis
Shagreen Ray	RJF	Leucoraja fullonica
Small-eyed Ray	RJE	Raja microcellata
Spotted Ray	RJM	Raja montagui
Thornback Ray	RJC	Raja clavata

Common Demersal Species

Common Name	FAO Name	Scientific Name
Dogfish	SYX	Scyliorhinidae
Lesser Spotted Dog	SYC	Scyliorhinus canicula
Smoothhound	SMD	Mustelus mustelus
Tope	GAG	Galeorhinus galeus

Common Pelagic Species

Common Name	FAO Name	Scientific Name
Mackerel	MAC	Scomber scombrus
Herring	HER	Clupea harengus
Horse Mackerel	JAX	Trachurus spp
Sprats	SPR	Sprattus sprattus

Mathau Cyffredin o Bysgod Dyfnforol

Enw Cymraeg	Enw Saesneg	Enw FAO	Enw Gwyddonol
Draenogyn y Môr	Bass	BSS	Dicentrarchus labrax
Lleden Fannog	Brill	BLL	Scophthalmus rhombus
Penfras	Cod	COD	Gadus morhua
Congren	Conger Eels	COE	Conger conger
Ystifflog	Cuttlefish	CTL	Sepiidae, sepiolidae
Lleden Dywod	Dabs	DAB	Limanda limanda
Lleden Chwithig	Dover Sole	SOL	Solea solea
Lleden Fwd	Flounder	FLE	Platichthys flesus
Hyddod Llwyd	Grey Mullet	MUL	Mugilidae
Chwyrnwr	Gurnard	GUX	Triglidae
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Cegddu	Hake	HKE	Merluccius merluccius
Pysgodyn Darn Arian	John Dory	JOD	Zeus faber
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Honos	Ling	LIN	Molva molva
Lleden Fair	Megrim	LEZ	Lepidorhombus spp
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Cirwch Norway	Nephrops	NEP	Nephrops norvegicus
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Marchfrell	Horse Mackerel	JAX	Trachurus spp
Corbennog	Sprats	SPR	Sprattus sprattus

Anfonwch y copi hwn i'ch swyddfa bysgodfeydd agosa' / Please send this copy to your nearest fishery office

Cychod Pysgota 10 Metr a Llai – Ffurflen Pysgod Asgellog / Fishing Vessels 10 Metres And Under – Finfish Return

Enw'r Cwch / Name of vessel: Rhif Cofrestru'r Cwch / PLN/ Vess. Reg / PLN Mis / Blwyddyn Month/Year

Porthladd glanio / Port of landing I bwy rydych chi'n gwerthu pysgod yn bennaf? / To whom do you mainly sell your fish?

Math o Gêr / Gear type (Ticiwch yn ôl y gofyn / Please tick as appropriate) Treillrwyd / Trawl Lein Hir / Long Lining Rhwydi / Nets Rod & Llinell / Rod & Line

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Enw mewn PRIFLYTHRENNAU / Name in BLOCK letters

Llofnod / Signed Dyddiad / Date

Anfonwch y copi hwn i / Please send this copy to Uned Pysgodfeydd / Fisheries Unit, Hys y Ddraig, Penllergaer, Abertawe/Swansea SA4 9NX

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM

ENTERPRISE AND REGULATORY REFORM BILL

Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion

1. “To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill relating to the Green Investment Bank (the “GIB”), in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.”

Background

2. The supplementary Legislative Consent Motion at paragraph 1 above has been tabled by Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Business Enterprise Technology and Science, under Standing Order 29.6 of the Standing Orders (“SO”) of the National Assembly for Wales (the “National Assembly”). This Legislative Consent Memorandum is laid under Standing Order 29.2. Standing Order 29 prescribes that a Legislative Consent Motion must be tabled, and a Legislative Consent Memorandum laid, before the National Assembly if a UK Parliamentary Bill makes provision in relation to Wales for a purpose that falls within the legislative competence of the National Assembly or has a negative impact on that competence.

3. The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill (the “Bill”) was introduced into the House of Commons on the 23 May 2012. The Bill can be found at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/enterpriseandregulatoryreform/documents.html>

Summary of the Bill and its Policy Objectives

4. The Bill is sponsored by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (“BIS”). The main purpose of the Bill is to encourage long term growth and simplify regulation. The Bill aims to:

- overhaul the employment tribunal system, and transform the dispute resolution landscape;
- improve the effectiveness and efficiency of competition enforcement and the competitiveness of markets, by strengthening the regime and improving the speed and predictability for business;
- set the purposes of the GIB and ensure its independence;
- strengthen the framework for setting directors’ pay by introducing binding votes;
- extend the Primary Authority scheme, reduce inspection burdens on business and strengthen the legal framework for sunset clauses on regulation;

- repeal unnecessary legislation, cutting the burden on business and citizens.

5. The Bill extends to Wales.

Provisions in the Bill for which consent is sought

6. The relevant provisions contained in the Bill are:

Part 1: Sections 1- 6 - The Bill proposes to grant the Secretary of State the power to designate the GIB for the purposes of the provisions in the Bill. The designation of the GIB would then enable the Secretary of State to give financial assistance to the GIB under the provisions of the Bill. Designation can only occur where the following conditions are satisfied:

- The GIB is wholly owned by the Crown;
- The GIB's objects in its articles of association are so that the GIB may "engage only in activities that involve, or are incidental or conducive to, making, facilitating or encouraging investments that it considers likely to contribute to the achievement of one or more of the green purposes in the United Kingdom."
- The Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a copy of an undertaking provided to the Bank by the Secretary of State which secures the Bank's independence from Government.

7. The Bill defines the green purposes as:

- The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The advancement of efficiency in the use of natural resources.
- The protection or enhancement of the natural environment.
- The protection or enhancement of biodiversity.
- The promotion of environmental sustainability.

8. The financial assistance provided by the Secretary of State may be in any form and subject to any such terms and conditions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate. Financial assistance may only be provided where the Crown's shareholding in the GIB is more than half of the issued share capital. The designation also results in some reporting and accounting requirements.

9. It is the view of the Welsh Government, therefore, that these provisions fall within the National Assembly's legislative competence under Part 1 of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the subjects of Economic Development in paragraph 4 and the Environment in paragraph 6.

Policy context

10. The UK Government is to establish the world's first investment bank dedicated solely to greening the economy, complementing other green policies to help accelerate additional capital into green infrastructure. This transition to a green economy presents significant growth opportunities for UK-based businesses, both at home and abroad. It will require unprecedented investment in key green sectors - an estimated £200 billion is needed for the energy system alone over the period to 2020. Capitalised with £3 billion, the GIB will play a vital role in addressing market failures affecting green infrastructure projects in order to stimulate a step up in private investment.

11.. The GIB is a UK policy initiative designed to help meet environmental objectives and promote economic growth. It links to other UK initiatives including the creation of a National Infrastructure Plan, reforms to the electricity market, changes to the climate change levy, the introduction of a renewable heat incentive, the review of waste policy and the reviews of Ofgem and Ofwat.

Advantages of utilising this Bill

12. It is the view of the Welsh Government that it is appropriate to consider and approve these provisions in this UK Bill as it represents the most appropriate and proportionate legislative vehicle to enable these provisions to apply in relation to Wales. It is also to ensure consistency in the operation of the Green Investment Bank across England and Wales, whilst having regard to the Welsh Government's future aspirations for financial arrangements to assist the economy.

Financial implications

12. There are no anticipated financial implications for the Welsh Government of any subsequent implementation of the relevant provisions of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill which cannot be absorbed as part of existing obligations. The initial funding for the GIB will come from the UK Government and it is expected to attract significant private sector investment through its London-based fundraising operation from pension funds, foreign sovereign wealth funds, energy companies and banks. As a result, it is expected to become self-funding through the charging of fund management fees on the investments it secures. No contribution from Welsh Government is anticipated by BIS."

Edwina Hart AM
Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science.
July 2012