



Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Report: CLA(4)-09-11 : 31 October 2011

The Committee reports to the Assembly as follows:

Instruments that raise no reporting issues under Standing Order 21.2 or 21.3

Negative Resolution Instruments

CLA47 – The Marketing of Fresh Horticultural Produce (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011

Procedure: Negative.

Date made: 18 October 2011

Date laid: 18 October 2011

Coming into force date: 8 November 2011

Other Business

Legislative Consent Motion: Education Bill

The Committee considered Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for amendments to the Education Bill, tabled by the Minister for Education and Skills Leighton Andrews AM. The Committee noted that the Legislative Consent Motion was issued for amendments to the Education Bill that would give power to Welsh Ministers to legislate in respect of significant financial issues, but as the Bill itself has gone through the Westminster Parliament already, there is not enough time to scrutinise the amendments properly in the National Assembly. The Committee decided that the Chair should write to the Minister for Education and Skills to draw his attention to this situation and to stress that in future early notification is essential. The Committee has also decided to bring the letter to the attention of the Plenary at the earliest opportunity.

Committee Correspondence

CLA36 – The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedules 5 and 8) (England and Wales) Order 2011

The Committee noted the Minister's response to the Chair's letter dated 27 September 2011 on the merits of The Wildlife and Countryside Act

1981 (Variation of Schedules 5 and 8) (England and Wales) Order 2011.

CLA37 – The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011

The Committee considered the Minister's response to the Chair's letter dated 27 September 2011, which expressed concern that the Regulations were laid very close to coming into force date for what is such a significant new policy and informed the Minister about the Committee's report on the merits of The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

Committee Inquiries: Inquiry into the Granting of Powers to Welsh Ministers in UK Laws

The Committee took oral evidence from Alan Trench, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, the Constitution Unit, University College London.

Resolution to Meet in Private

In accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi) the Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting to discuss the evidence submitted thus far on the Inquiry into the Granting of Powers to Welsh Ministers in UK Laws.

David Melding AM

Chair, Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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