

# HIGHER EDUCATION (WALES) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT

#### **Part 7 – Supplementary provision about functions of HEFCW**

##### *Section 50 – Annual reports*

139. Existing provision in section 40A of the Higher Education Act 2004 requires HEFCW to provide an annual report to the Welsh Ministers on how HEFCW have performed their functions under that Act.
140. **Section 50** of the Act requires HEFCW to provide an annual report to the Welsh Ministers on how HEFCW have exercised their functions by virtue of the Act. HEFCW have flexibility to determine when the first reporting period should end, which will set the annual reporting period thereafter. The Welsh Ministers are able to specify requirements with which such a report must comply. Such a requirement might relate to the publication of the report but may also relate to the form and content of the report. As soon as possible after an annual report has been submitted to the Welsh Ministers by HEFCW, the Welsh Ministers must lay a copy of the report before the National Assembly for Wales.