RENTING HOMES (WALES) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4 - Condition of Dwelling

Chapter 3 – Miscellaneous

Section 101 – Waste and tenant-like user

276. This section provides that the common law concepts of 'waste' and use of a dwelling in a 'tenant-like manner' do not apply in relation to occupation contracts. 'Waste' is damage or harm caused by actions or neglect on the part of the contract-holder, whilst 'tenant-like manner' means taking care of the property on a day to day level (for example unblocking a sink or replacing a fuse). It is envisaged that a supplementary provision will be made by regulations which, if incorporated as a term of the contract, will require a contract-holder to take care of the dwelling and of any fixtures and fittings.