

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

(REMUNERATION) MEASURE 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

General scheme of the Measure

3. The key aim of the Measure is to transfer the role of making determinations on the remuneration of current and former Assembly Members and holders of additional offices from the Assembly Commission to the National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board (“the Board”). This transfer of responsibility was central to a number of the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Review Panel (“the Panel”) entitled *Getting it Right for Wales: an independent review of the current arrangements for the financial support of Assembly Members* (July 2009). This report can be found on the National Assembly for Wales’ website at:

<http://www.cynulliadcymru.org/irp-reportjuly09-e.pdf>

4. The Measure consists of 20 sections and three schedules. Section 1 establishes the Board. Sections 2, 3, and 12 to 15 set out the functions of the Board and the manner in which those functions must be exercised. Sections 4 to 7 and Schedules 1 and 2 deal with appointment to and termination of membership of the Board. Issues of an administrative nature including the terms and conditions of appointment to the Board, its administrative support, the frequency of meetings and the requirement to produce an annual report are provided for in sections 8 to 11. Section 16 and Schedule 3 set out amendments to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (“the Act”) and section 17 amends the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Finally, sections 18 to 20 contain general provisions.