



# Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

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## PART 2

### THE WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER

#### *General duty*

#### **3 The Commissioner's principal aim**

- (1) The principal aim of the Commissioner in exercising his or her functions is to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language.
- (2) The actions which the Commissioner must undertake in exercising functions in accordance with subsection (1) include (but are not limited to) working towards increasing—
  - (a) the use of the Welsh language in the provision of services, and
  - (b) other opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language.
- (3) In exercising functions in accordance with subsection (1), the Commissioner must have regard to—
  - (a) the official status which the Welsh language has in Wales,
  - (b) the duties to use Welsh which are (or may be) imposed by law, and the rights which arise from the enforceability of those duties,
  - (c) the principle that, in Wales, the Welsh language should be treated no less favourably than the English language, and
  - (d) the principle that persons in Wales should be able to live their lives through the medium of the Welsh language if they choose to do so.