



# Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

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### PART 8

#### GENERAL

### CHAPTER 2

#### DEFAMATION

#### **140 Absolute privilege**

- (1) For the purposes of the law of defamation, the following are absolutely privileged—
- (a) the publication of a matter by the Commissioner in the exercise of any of his or her functions;
  - (b) the publication of a matter by a member of the Advisory Panel in the exercise of any of his or her functions;
  - (c) the publication of a matter by a person in compliance with a requirement in a decision notice;
  - (d) the publication, in a communication between—
    - (i) the Commissioner, and
    - (ii) a protected person,of a matter in connection with an inquiry or investigation;
  - (e) the publication, in a communication between—
    - (i) the complainant or a person acting on behalf of the complainant, and
    - (ii) a representative,of a matter in connection with an investigation under Part 5 or Part 6.
- (2) In this section a reference to the Commissioner includes the following persons—
- (a) the members of the Commissioner's staff;
  - (b) any person acting on the Commissioner's behalf or assisting in the exercise of the Commissioner's functions.

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**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 140. (See end of Document for details)*

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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 140(1)(a)(b)(2) in force at 1.4.2012 by S.I. 2012/969, **art. 2(n)**
- I2** S. 140(1)(c) in force at 7.7.2015 by S.I. 2015/1413, **art. 3(e)**
- I3** S. 140(1)(d)(e) in force at 1.4.2012 for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/969, **art. 2(n)**
- I4** S. 140(1)(d)(e) in force at 7.7.2015 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2015/1413, **art. 3(d)**

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