

Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

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PART 2

THE WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER

Working with other ombudsmen, commissioners etc

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- (1) This section applies if it appears to the Commissioner that the subject matter of a particular standards enforcement investigation (the "Commissioner's investigation") could also be the subject of an investigation by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.
- (2) If the Commissioner thinks it appropriate, he or she must—
 - (a) inform the Ombudsman about the Commissioner's investigation (including the Commissioner's proposals for undertaking the investigation), and
 - (b) consult the Ombudsman in relation to the Commissioner's investigation.
- (3) If the Commissioner consults the Ombudsman in relation to the Commissioner's investigation, the Commissioner and the Ombudsman may do any or all of the following—
 - (a) co-operate with each other in relation to the investigation;
 - (b) conduct a joint investigation;
 - (c) prepare and publish a joint report in relation to the investigation.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may by order—
 - (a) provide for this section to apply in relation to any other person as it applies in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, and
 - (b) make such other provision as the Welsh Ministers think appropriate in connection with, for the purposes of, or in consequence of provision made under paragraph (a).
- (5) The provision that may be made under subsection (4) includes, but is not limited to—

- (a) provision enabling or requiring the other person to work jointly with the Commissioner; and
- (b) amendments of any enactment.
- (6) Before making an order under subsection (4), the Welsh Ministers must consult the Commissioner and any other persons they think it appropriate to consult.
- (7) In this section—

"investigation" ("*ymchwiliad*"), in relation to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, includes examination and inquiry, and cognate expressions are to be construed accordingly;

"standards enforcement investigation" ("*ymchwiliad i orfodi safonau*") means an investigation which the Commissioner is entitled to undertake, or is undertaking, under section 71.