



Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

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PART 2

THE WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER

Functions

- 4 Promoting and facilitating use of Welsh and treating Welsh no less favourably than English**
- (1) The Commissioner may do anything that he or she thinks appropriate—
- (a) to promote the use of the Welsh language,
 - (b) to facilitate the use of the Welsh language, or
 - (c) to work towards ensuring that the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language.
- (2) That includes, but is not limited to, doing any of the following things—
- (a) promoting the provision of opportunities to use the Welsh language;
 - (b) encouraging best practice in relation to the use of Welsh by persons who deal with, or provide services to, other persons;
 - (c) keeping under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the law relating to the Welsh language;
 - (d) producing and publishing reports;
 - (e) carrying out, or commissioning others to carry out, research;
 - (f) carrying out, or commissioning others to carry out, educational activities;
 - (g) giving assistance (including financial assistance) to any person;
 - (h) making recommendations in writing to the Welsh Ministers;
 - (i) making representations to any person;
 - (j) giving advice to any person.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) If the Commissioner makes a recommendation or representation, or gives advice, to the Welsh Ministers in writing, they must have due regard to the recommendation, representation or advice in exercising any function to which it relates.
- (4) The power of the Commissioner under subsection (2)(g) to give financial assistance is subject to section 11(4).
- (5) The powers of the Commissioner under subsection (2)(h) to (j) to make recommendations or representations, or to give advice, to a person (including the Welsh Ministers) may be exercised whether or not the person has requested the Commissioner to exercise the powers.
- (6) The Commissioner may consult the Advisory Panel in connection with the exercise of a function conferred by this section.