



Government of Wales Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 38

PART VI

REFORM OF WELSH PUBLIC BODIES

Accountability

145 Examinations into use of resources.

- (1) The Auditor General for Wales may carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which a body or office specified in Schedule 17 has used its resources in discharging its functions.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not be construed as entitling the Auditor General for Wales to question the merits of the policy objectives of any body or office in respect of which an examination is carried out.
- (3) In determining how to exercise his functions under this section, the Auditor General for Wales shall take into account the views of the Audit Committee^{F1} . . . as to the examinations which he should carry out under this section.
- (4) The Auditor General for Wales may lay before the Assembly a report of the results of any examination carried out by him under this section.
- (5)^{F2}
- ^{F3}(6)
- ^{F4}(7) This section is without prejudice to the power conferred on the Auditor General for Wales by [^{F5}paragraph 18(3)(b) of Schedule 8 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (agreement between a person and the Welsh Ministers etc. to permit the Auditor General to carry out an examination into the discharge of functions by that person)] .]

Changes to legislation: Government of Wales Act 1998, Section 145 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 145(6) repealed by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, 163, Sch. 10 para. 46(2), {Sch. 12} (with Sch. 11), the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see ss. 46, 161(4)(c)(d)(5) (subject to s. 161(6)) of the amending Act
- F2** S. 145(5) repealed (1.4.2005) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2004 \(c. 23\)](#), ss. 66, 72, 73, Sch. 2 para. 47(1)(2), [Sch. 4](#); S.I. 2005/558, art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to Sch. 2)
- F3** S. 145(6) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 71(4), [Sch. 6 para. 54](#) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)
- F4** S. 145(7) inserted (1.4.2005) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2004 \(c. 23\)](#), ss. 66, 73, [Sch. 2 para. 47\(1\)\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/558, art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- F5** Words in s. 145(7) substituted by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, {Sch. 10 para. 46(3)} (with Sch. 11), the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see ss. 46, 161(4)(c)(5) of the amending Act

Changes to legislation:

Government of Wales Act 1998, Section 145 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 104(1A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 68\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A5B by [2000 c. 41 Sch. 3 para. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 paras. 8-16 repealed without ever being in force by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 163, {Sch. 12} (with Sch. 11 para. 22), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.)
- Sch. 17 para. 11A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)\(b\)](#)