



# Government of Wales Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 38

### PART VI

#### REFORM OF WELSH PUBLIC BODIES

##### *Accountability*

##### **[<sup>F1</sup>145C Studies relating to registered social landlords**

- (1) The [<sup>F2</sup> Welsh Ministers ] and the Auditor General for Wales may agree on one or more programmes of studies designed to enable the Auditor General for Wales to make recommendations for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the discharge of the functions of registered social landlords <sup>F3</sup> . . . .
- (2) If a programme is agreed, the Auditor General for Wales shall ensure that studies giving effect to the programme are undertaken by him <sup>F4</sup>....
- (3) It shall be a term of every such programme that the [<sup>F5</sup>Welsh Ministers][<sup>F6</sup>pay to the Wales Audit Office a sum in respect of the costs incurred (which may not exceed the full cost incurred in undertaking the programme), in accordance with a scheme for charging fees prepared under section 24 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013].
- (4) This section does not entitle the Auditor General for Wales to question the merits of the policy objectives of a registered social landlord <sup>F3</sup> . . . .
- (5) Where a study is undertaken under this section by the Auditor General for Wales or on his behalf, he may arrange for a report containing—
  - (a) the results of the study, and
  - (b) his recommendations (if any),to be laid before the Assembly.
- (6) A person commits an offence if without reasonable excuse he fails to comply with a requirement imposed under [<sup>F7</sup>paragraph 17(3)(a) or (b) of Schedule 8 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (requirement to give assistance, information or explanation to the Auditor General for Wales)] in relation to a study under this section.

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- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (8) The Auditor General for Wales may disclose to the [<sup>F8</sup>Welsh Ministers] information obtained by him or a person acting on his behalf in the course of a study under this section.
- [<sup>F9</sup>(9) “ Registered social landlord ” means a body which is registered as a social landlord under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996. ]]
- [<sup>F10</sup>(10) In this section, a reference to a person acting on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales is a reference to a person acting on the Auditor's behalf by virtue of a delegation made under section 18 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 145C inserted (1.4.2005) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2004 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 5, 73**; S.I. 2005/558, **art. 2, Sch. 1**
- F2** Words in s. 145C(1) substituted by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, {Sch. 10 para. 48(2)} (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
- F3** Words in s. 145C(1)(4) repealed (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), **arts. 5, 7, Sch. 2 para. 113(2), Sch. 4** (with **art. 6 Sch. 3**)
- F4** Words in s. 145C(2) omitted (E.W.) (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), **s. 35(2), Sch. 4 para. 6(2)** (with **Sch. 3 para. 3**); S.I. 2013/1466, **art. 3(1)** (with **art. 4(2)**)
- F5** Words in s. 145C(3) substituted by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, {Sch. 10 para. 48(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
- F6** Words in s. 145C(3) substituted (E.W.) (1.4.2014) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), **s. 35(2), Sch. 4 para. 6(3)** (with **Sch. 3 para. 3**); S.I. 2013/1466, **art. 3(1)** (with **art. 4(2)**)
- F7** Words in s. 145C(6) substituted by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, {Sch. 10 para. 48(4)} (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
- F8** Words in s. 145C(8) substituted by the Government of Wales Act 2006, (c. 32), ss. 160, 161, {Sch. 10 para. 48(4)} (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
- F9** S. 145C(9) substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), **art. 5, Sch. 2 para. 113(3)** (with **art. 6 Sch. 3**)
- F10** S. 145C(10) inserted (E.W.) (1.4.2014) by [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 3\)](#), **s. 35(2), Sch. 4 para. 6(4)** (with **Sch. 3 para. 3**); S.I. 2013/1466, **art. 3(1)** (with **art. 4(2)**)

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**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\(4\)\(b\)](#)