



Wales Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 4

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS

68 Office of Communications

- (1) Section 1 of the Office of Communications Act 2002 (the Office of Communications) is amended as set out in subsections (2) to (5).
- (2) In subsection (3), after paragraph (aa) insert—

“(ab) a member appointed by the Welsh Ministers;”.
- (3) After subsection (3A) insert—

“(3B) Before appointing a member under subsection (3)(ab) the Welsh Ministers must consult the Secretary of State.”
- (4) In subsection (5), before ““and (b),”” insert “ , (ab) ”.
- (5) After subsection (11) insert—

“(12) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule apply in relation to the appointment made under subsection (3)(ab) as if—

 - (a) any reference to the Secretary of State were to the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (b) after the paragraph 2(7) treated as inserted by subsection (11) there were inserted—

“(8) Before the Welsh Ministers remove a person from office they must consult the Secretary of State.””
- (6) The Schedule to that Act is amended as set out in subsections (7) and (8).
- (7) In paragraph 11 (accounts and audit)—

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(a) in sub-paragraph (3)(c), after ““the Scottish Ministers”” insert “ and the Welsh Ministers ”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) The Welsh Ministers shall lay a copy of the statement and report sent to them under sub-paragraph (3) before the National Assembly for Wales.”

(8) In paragraph 12 (annual report)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1), for ““and the Scottish Ministers”” substitute “ , the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers ”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) The Welsh Ministers shall lay a copy of every report sent to them under this paragraph before the National Assembly for Wales.”

Commencement Information

II S. 68 in force at 1.4.2018 by S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(m)

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