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Standing Order 36 - Laying of Documents

36.1 The following documents or categories of document shall be laid before the Assembly:

(i) a document specified in statute as one required to be laid before the Assembly or, a document which falls within the terms of section 45 of the Act;

(ii) draft subordinate legislation required to be laid under Standing Orders 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29;

(iii) any report made by an Assembly Committee and which that Committee has agreed should be submitted to the Assembly other than any report to which iv or v. below applies;

(iv) any report specified in Standing Order 6.6 other than any to which paragraph v. below applies;

The Scottish Parliament, House of Commons and House of Lords have separate standing orders governing the laying of legislation and the laying of documents.

The Clerks will consider whether this is appropriate for the Assembly's standing orders as part of consideration of the new legislative procedures.

May need to be re-drafted to provide a clearer definition of what constitutes 'laying', whilst retaining the existing provision that laying can be by electronic means.

Q – Are Members content with this approach?

(v) any other document specified elsewhere in Standing Orders which is required to be laid in accordance with the specific requirements in a Standing Order; and

(vi) any other document, or category of document, that the Assembly, by resolution in Plenary, requires should be laid.

36.2 Where a document is required to be laid under this or any other Standing Order it shall be provided in compliance with guidance which the Presiding Officer shall issue following consultation with the Business Committee.

Will need re-drafting to reflect decisions taken regarding a Bureau/Business Committee