

Interpretation

In these Standing Orders:

“the Act” means the Government of Wales Act 2006;

“an Assembly” means the period from an Assembly election to dissolution;

“Assembly election” means a general election held under the Act or the 2007 ordinary election held under the Government of Wales Act 1998;

“Assembly proceedings” means any proceedings of the Assembly, any committee of the Assembly or a sub-committee of such a committee;

“Assembly Year” means the period from 1 May in one year to 30 April in the following year;

“Auditor General” means the Auditor General for Wales appointed under paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the Act;

“Clerk” means the Clerk of the Assembly appointed under section 26(1) of the Act;

“the Commission” means the Assembly Commission as defined in section 27 of the Act.

“Counsel General” means the Counsel General to the government appointed under section 49 of the Act;

“Deputy” means the Deputy Presiding Officer elected under section 25(1)(b) of the Act;

“Deputy Welsh Minister” means a Member appointed under section 50(1) of the Act;

“First Minister” means the Member appointed under section 46(1) of the Act;

“government” means Welsh Assembly Government, as defined in section 45(1) of the Act;

“laid” means laid in the Table Office in accordance with Standing Order 29;

“legislative competence order” means an Order in Council under section 95 of the Act;

“Member” means an Assembly Member returned either for an Assembly constituency or for an Assembly electoral region;

“member of the government” means the First Minister, a Welsh Minister, the Counsel General or a Deputy Welsh Minister;

“Ombudsman” means the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales;

“published” means publication on the Assembly website as a minimum requirement;

“sitting week” means a week in which the Assembly sits in plenary;

“subordinate legislation” means Orders in Council, orders, rules, regulations, schemes, warrants, bye-laws and other instruments made or to be made under any Act of the UK Parliament or Assembly Measure, or made or to be made under subordinate legislation;

“Welsh Minister” means any Member appointed as a Welsh Minister under section 48(1) of the Act;

“the Welsh Ministers” is to be construed in accordance with section 45(2) of the Act;

“working day” means any day unless it is:

- (i) a Saturday or a Sunday;
- (ii) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday or Good Friday;
- (iii) a day which is a bank holiday in Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971; or
- (iv) a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.