

STANDING ORDER 5 - Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government

Appointment of Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government

- 5.1 The agreement of the Assembly to the First Minister's recommendation to Her Majesty of a person for appointment as Counsel General must be signified by resolution of the Assembly.
- 5.2 Any motion for such a resolution must be moved by the First Minister. No amendment may be tabled to the motion.

Participation in Assembly Proceedings of Counsel General

- 5.3 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Counsel General may do anything under these Standing Orders which may be done by a Welsh Minister.
- 5.4 If the Counsel General is not a Member, the Standing Orders apply to the Counsel General as they apply to Members and the Counsel General may participate in Assembly proceedings but may not vote.

Removal or Resignation of a Counsel General

- 5.5 The agreement of the Assembly to the First Minister's recommendation to Her Majesty for the removal of a person as Counsel General must be signified by resolution of the Assembly. The motion for such a resolution must be moved by the First Minister. No amendment may be tabled to the motion.
- 5.6 When the Presiding Officer is notified that the Counsel General has tendered his or her resignation to Her Majesty, and that the resignation is accepted, the Presiding Officer must notify the Assembly.
- 5.7 The Counsel General ceases to hold office if a Member is nominated for appointment as First Minister under section 47(1) of the Act.

Temporary exercise of functions

- 5.8 When the Presiding Officer is notified -
 - (i) that a person has been designated by the First Minister under section 49(6) of the Act to exercise the functions of the Counsel General, or
 - (ii) that such a designation has ceased,he or she must notify the Assembly.