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## **Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies**

This paper provides general information on the current Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs). It also includes historical data in the form of tables comparing the numbers of ASPBs, staffing figures and Government funding from 1980 to 2004.

Further information on ASPBs is available in Members' Research Service Paper 04/0020 which provides background briefing on the implications of the Welsh Assembly Government's plans to reform Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies in Wales.

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## Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies

### 1. What is an Assembly Sponsored Public Body (ASPB)?

Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) are the Assembly's non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) or quangos.

An NDPB is a:

"body which has a role in the processes of national Government but is not a Government Department or part of one and which accordingly operates to a greater or lesser extent at arm's length from Ministers".

NDPBs operate independently of Ministers, or in the case of ASPBs independent of the Assembly. The ASPBs receive direct funding from the Assembly but are not formally part of the same organisation and therefore operate to a greater or lesser extent at "arm's length" under their own legal powers.

The chief executive of each Executive ASPB is directly accountable to the Permanent Secretary for the regularity, propriety and value for money of expenditure from the budget allocation received from the Assembly Government. In addition to using its formal statutory powers, the Assembly Government monitors and influences the work of ASPBs through administrative tools including the approval of corporate and business plans, and 'remit letters' which set out the Assembly's future priorities and targets for the body concerned.

There are three main types of ASPB: Executive, Advisory and Tribunal.

#### **Executive ASPBs**

Executive ASPBs have executive, administrative, commercial or regulatory functions. They carry out prescribed functions within a Government framework. Each has a varying degree of operational independence.

#### **Advisory ASPBs**

Advisory ASPBs provide advice to the Assembly on particular issues. They are normally set up by administrative action and are typically staffed by officials from within the Assembly.

#### **Tribunal ASPBs**

Tribunals settle disputes and appeals on various topics.

### 2. Who are the Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs)

#### 2.1 Executive ASPBs

At present there are 15 Executive ASPBs\*:



- Arts Council of Wales
- Care Council for Wales
- Countryside Council for Wales
- ELWa – The National Council for Education and Training for Wales\*
- Environment Agency Wales
- Health Professions Wales
- Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
- National Library of Wales
- National Museums and Galleries of Wales
- Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales
- Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Wales
- Sports Council for Wales
- Wales Tourist Board\*
- Welsh Development Agency\*
- Welsh Language Board

\* First Minister Rhodri Morgan announced on 14 July 2004 that ELWa - the National Council for Education and Training for Wales, the Wales Tourist Board and the Welsh Development Agency will cease to be Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies by 01 April 2006. They will be merged with their sponsor departments and will become part of the Assembly administration.

Details of staff numbers and funding by Government for the Executive Bodies from 1980 to 2004 are provided in Tables 2 and 3.

### **Arts Council of Wales**

Established: 1994, by Royal Charter

Functions:

The Arts Council of Wales (ACW) is responsible for funding and developing the arts in Wales. ACW is also the distributor of Lottery money for the arts in Wales. ACW works with many partners in carrying out its national responsibility for developing and funding the arts in Wales and advising the Welsh Assembly Government on issues associated with the arts.

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### **Care Council for Wales**

Established: 2001, under the *Care Standards Act 2000*

Functions:



The statutory role of the Care Council for Wales is to promote high standards of conduct & practice among social care workers & high standards in their training. Its three core functions are: regulating the social care workforce by setting codes of conduct and practice for employees and employers, and by registering individual practitioners; regulating both qualifying and post-qualifying social work training; taking forward the workforce development agenda.

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#### **Countryside Council for Wales**

Established: 1990, under the *Environment Protection Act 1990*

Functions:  
The Countryside Council for Wales is the Government's statutory adviser on sustaining natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales and its inshore waters.

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Chief Executive: Mr Roger Thomas

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#### **ELWa – The National Council for Education and Training for Wales**

Established: 2001, under the *Learning and Skills Act 2000*. ELWa superseded the Education and Training for Wales and the Training and Enterprise Councils in Wales.

Functions:  
The body's statutory name is the National Council for Education and Training for Wales. On 01 April 2001, it took over the majority of the functions of the four Training and Enterprise Councils and the Further Education Funding Council for Wales. It assumed responsibility for funding, planning and promoting all post-16 education and training in Wales with the exception of Higher Education. The National Council - ELWa has

responsibility for further education, private and voluntary sector training provision, adult continuing education and, with effect from April 2002, sixth form provision.

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**Environment Agency Wales**

Established: 1996, under the *Environment Act 1995*. It took over the functions of the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, Waste Regulation Authorities and some parts of the Department of the Environment. Environment Agency Wales became an Assembly sponsored body in 1999.

Functions:

Environment Agency Wales is in a special position - it is an Assembly Sponsored Public Body, while also being part of the corporate Environment Agency for England and Wales. It obtains much of its funding and direction from the Welsh Assembly Government, and reports back to them. The Environment Agency has wide responsibilities for managing the environment including: acting as a champion for the environment; reducing pollution and enforcing pollution legislation; overseeing the management of waste, water resources and freshwater fisheries; reducing the harm caused by flooding; influencing others to achieve positive environmental outcomes by changing attitudes and behaviour.

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**Health Professions Wales**

Established: 2004, under the *Health (Wales) Act 2003*

Functions:

Health Professions Wales (HPW) became an Assembly Sponsored Public Body (ASPB) on 01 April 2004. HPW was set up by the Welsh Assembly Government to serve the people in Wales by enhancing the quality of care offered by health care professionals.

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HPW supports high quality education and training for the NHS workforce and works with employers, higher education and professional regulators. HPW values lifelong learning, development of skills in practice and collaborative working across boundaries, and is a driving force to support and further develop the modernisation and reform of NHS Wales. It also provides careers information to the public and the professions, including allied health profession and health care scientists.

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Chief Executive: Hilary Neagle

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**Higher Education Funding Council for Wales**

Established: 1992, under the *Further and Higher Education Act 1992*

Functions:

The Council assumed responsibility for the funding of higher education in Wales in April 1993. It administers funds made available by the National Assembly for Wales to support education, research and associated activities at thirteen higher education institutions. It also provides funds for prescribed higher education courses at further education colleges. The Council is responsible, under the *Education Act 1994*, for the funding of initial teaching training for schoolteachers and the accreditation of providers of initial teacher training in Wales. In addition to its funding responsibilities, the Council provides advice to the National Assembly for Wales on the funding needs, aspirations and concerns of the higher education sector in Wales.

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**National Library of Wales**

Established: 1907, by Royal Charter

Functions:

The collection, preservation and maintenance of manuscripts, printed matter, maps, photographs, visual and audio-visual material relating to Wales and the Celtic peoples;

and of similar material which furthers the aims of higher education and of literary and scientific research. The Library is one of the legal deposit libraries of the United Kingdom.

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### **National Museums and Galleries of Wales**

Established: 1907, by Royal Charter

#### Functions:

The National Museums and Galleries of Wales exist to promote the wider knowledge and better understanding of Wales, its history, culture and place in the world, through their knowledge and multi-disciplinary collections, which are international in scope, importance and quality.

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### **Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales**

Established: First established under the *Education Reform Act 1988* (as the Curriculum Council for Wales). The relevant statutory provisions are now sections 360 and 361 of the *Education Act 1996*. In October 1997, the Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales and the NCVQ (Wales Office) were amalgamated as the qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (ACCAC).

#### Functions:

The Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (ACCAC) is the National Assembly for Wales's principal advisory body on all aspects of the school curriculum, examinations, assessment and vocational qualifications. It is also responsible for commissioning Welsh and bilingual classroom materials to support the teaching of Welsh, other subjects through the medium of Welsh and Wales-specific aspects of the school curriculum.

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**Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Wales**

Established: 1908, by Royal Warrant (re-issued 2000)

Functions:

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Wales surveys, interprets and records the built heritage of Wales, either directly or through grant aid and partnerships, and makes information available to the public through the National Monuments Record of Wales archive and information service.

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Secretary: Mr Peter White

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**Sports Council for Wales**

Established: 1972, by Royal Charter; amended in 1997, with the advent of the United Kingdom Sports Council; further amended in 1999, with the advent of the National Assembly for Wales.

Functions:

To encourage and help more people take part in sport; to help sportsmen and women improve their performances and reach high standards; and to promote the best use of Wales's man-made and natural sports facilities.

Chair (acting): Miss Anne Ellis MBE  
Chief Executive: Dr Huw Jones

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**Wales Tourist Board**

Established: 1969, under the *Development of Tourism Act 1969*

Functions:

To provide the appropriate strategic framework within which private enterprise can achieve sustainable growth and success, so improving the social and economic well being of Wales.

Chair: Mr Philip Evans

Chief Executive: Mr Jonathan Jones

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**Welsh Development Agency**

Established: 1976, under the *Welsh Development Agency Act 1975*, as amended

Functions:

To further the economic and social development of Wales or any part of Wales; and in that connection to provide, maintain or safeguard employment. The Agency states its main objective is:

“to sustain one of the best business climates in Europe by aiding the growth of quality jobs and competitive industry for the benefit of people throughout Wales”.

Chair: Mr Roger Jones OBE

Chief Executive: Mr Gareth Hall (succeeded Graham Hawker who resigned following the First Minister's announcement re: abolition of the WDA and two other ASPBs).

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**Welsh Language Board**

Established: 1993, under the *Welsh Language Act 1993*

Functions:

The Board's main function is to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language. This includes: advising the National Assembly for Wales and central government on

Welsh language matters; ensuring that public bodies preparing Welsh language schemes treat Welsh and English on an equal basis; encouraging organisations in the private and voluntary sectors to increase their use of Welsh; maintaining a strategic overview of education in Welsh and; distributing grants to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language.

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Key documents published by the Executive ASPBs include Annual Reports, Corporate Plans and Quinquennial Reviews. These are usually available via the ASPBs' web-sites and/or via the National Assembly for Wales' web-site at the following address:  
<http://www.wales.gov.uk/subieconomics/topics-e.htm#ASPB>

Remit letters are also issued annually by the Assembly Government sponsoring department. These are also usually available via the Assembly's web-site at the following address:  
<http://www.wales.gov.uk/> (use the Advanced Search option to find the remit letter for a particular body)

## **2.2 Advisory ASPBs**

At present there are 14 Advisory ASPBs:

- Agricultural Dwelling House Advisory Committee
- All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
- Ancient Monuments Board for Wales
- Historic Buildings Council for Wales
- Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales
- Social Services Inspectorate for Wales Advisory Group
- Welsh Centre for Post-Graduate Pharmaceutical Education
- Welsh Dental Committee
- Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board
- Welsh Medical Committee
- Welsh Nursing and Midwifery Committee
- Welsh Optometric Committee
- Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee
- Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee

### **Agricultural Dwelling House Advisory Committee**

Established: 1976, under the *Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976*

#### Functions:

The Committee advises on cases in which farmers apply, under The *Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976* and the *Housing Act 1988*, to local housing authorities to have agricultural workers living in farm cottages re-housed (the same Acts give security of tenure to certain workers).

Policy ADHAC: Mr Alan Starkie  
Secretary: Ms Catherine Davies

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### **All Wales Medicines Strategy Group**

Established: 2002

#### Functions:

To provide advice in an effective, efficient and transparent manner to the Minister for Health on strategic medicines management and prescribing.

Chair: Prof. Roger Walker  
Group Secretary: Mrs Ruth Lang

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### **Ancient Monuments Board for Wales**

Established: Originally established by the *Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act 1913*, it is presently constituted under Section 22 of the *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979*, as amended.

#### Functions:

To advise the National Assembly for Wales on their functions under the terms of the *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979*.

Chair: Prof. Robert Rees Davies  
Secretary: Mrs Jean Booker



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**Historic Buildings Council for Wales**

Established: 1953, under the *Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953*

Functions:

To advise the National Assembly for Wales on grant assistance for, and planning matters relating to, historic buildings and within conservation areas. To encourage the conservation of buildings of particular architectural or historic interest and the enhancement of designated conservation areas. To co-operate closely with other bodies and individuals involved in promoting the historic, built environment.

Chair: Mr Tom Lloyd  
Secretary: Mrs Jean Booker

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**Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales**

Established: 1974, under the *Local Government Act 1972*, as amended by the *Local Government (Wales) Act 1994*

Functions:

The Commission's role is to keep under review all local government areas in Wales, and the electoral arrangements for the principal areas, and to make proposals to the National Assembly for Wales in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

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Secretary: Mr Edward Lewis

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**Social Services Inspectorate for Wales Advisory Group**

Established: 1999

**Functions:**

The Advisory Group considers the Social Services Inspectorate's proposals for inspection of local authority and allied personal social services; and to review inspections which have been carried out and the responses to them. Note: the Inspectorate is currently in abeyance pending a review.

Chair: Mrs Yvonne Apsitis  
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**Welsh Centre for Post-Graduate Pharmaceutical Education**

Established: 1998, under Section 2 of the *National Health Service Act 1977*

Functions: To commission continuing professional development activities to meet the needs of pharmacists and their support staff in Wales.

Director: Dr David Temple

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**Welsh Dental Committee**

Established: 1974, under the *National Health Service Re-organisation Act 1973*, as amended by the *National Health Service Act 1977*

**Functions:**

To advise the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of dental services in Wales; and to consider and comment or advise on any matter referred to it by the National Assembly.

Chair: Mr Keith Silvester  
Secretary: Mr Richard Norman

**Contact details:**

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**Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board**

Established: 1975, under the *Welsh Development Agency Act 1975*

Functions:

To advise the Economic and Transport Minister of the National Assembly for Wales on the operation of the Regional Selective Assistance Scheme and applications for grants of over £350,000 under the Scheme.

Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Mr Ian Shuttleworth

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National Assembly for Wales  
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Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
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**Welsh Medical Committee**

Established: 2000, under Sections 8(1) and 8(6) of the *National Health Service Reorganisation 1973 Act*, as amended by the *National Health Service Act 1977* and the *Health Services Act 1980*

Functions:

To advise the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of Medical Services in Wales; and to consider and comment or advise on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

Chair: Dr Hefin Jones

Secretary: Mrs Tracey Moore

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**Welsh Nursing and Midwifery Committee**

Established: 2002, under the *Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979*; now governed by the *Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997*.

Functions:

Previously known as the Welsh National Board for Nursing and Midwifery. The Committee advises the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of nursing, midwifery and health visiting services in Wales; and considers and comments or advises on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

Chair: Ms Mary Cooksley  
Secretary: Ms Jan Tester

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#### **Welsh Optometric Committee**

Established: 1974, under the *National Health Service Re-organisation Act 1973*, as amended by the *National Health Service Act 1977*.

Functions: To advise the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of optical services in Wales; and to consider, comment or advise on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

Chair: Mr Lionel Davies  
Secretary: Mr Andrew Foyle

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#### **Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee**

Established: 1974, under the *National Health Service Re-organisation Act 1973*, as amended by the *National Health Service Act 1977*.

Functions: To advise the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of pharmaceutical services in Wales; and to consider, comment or advise on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

Chair: Mr Jeremy Savage  
Secretary: Ms Jan Tester

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### **Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee**

Established: 1974, under the *National Health Service Re-organisation Act 1973*, as amended by the *National Health Service Act 1977*.

#### Functions:

To advise the National Assembly for Wales on the provision of scientific services in Wales; and to consider and comment or advise on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

Chair: Prof. Geraint Williams

Secretary: Ms Jan Tester

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### **2.3 Tribunal ASPBs**

At present there are 5 Tribunal ASPBs:

- Agricultural Land Tribunal
- Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales
- Registered Inspectors of Schools Appeals Tribunal for Wales
- Rent Assessment Panel for Wales
- Valuation Tribunals (Wales)

#### **Agricultural Land Tribunal (Wales)**

Established: 2002, under the *Agriculture Act 1947*. The Tribunal is an independent body.

#### Functions:

The Tribunal makes judgements in disputes between agricultural landlords and tenants, under the *Agricultural Holdings Act 1986* and drainage disputes (ditches) under the *Land Drainage Act 1991*.

Chair: Mr John Owen

Tribunal Secretary: Mrs Cath Davies

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Web-site: [www.countryside.wales.gov.uk](http://www.countryside.wales.gov.uk)

### **Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales**

Established: 1959, under the *Mental Health Act 1959*, and subsequently the *Mental Health Act 1983*.

#### Functions:

The Tribunal is an independent judicial body and reviews (in individual cases) the need for the continuing detention of patients who are subject to the *Mental Health Act*.

Chair: Mrs Carolyn Kirby  
Secretary: Miss Sally Butterworth

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Cathays Park  
Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 029 2082 5328  
Fax: 029 2082 6331

### **Registered Inspectors of Schools Appeals Tribunal for Wales**

Established: Under the *School Inspections Act 1996*, as amended by the *Education Act 1997*, the *School Standards and Framework Act 1998*.

#### Functions:

To hear appeals by Registered Inspectors' of Schools against a decision by the Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales to remove their name from the Register of Inspectors or to alter their conditions of registration.

#### Contact details:

Standards and Performance Division  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 029 2082 6013  
Fax: 029 2082 6016

### **Rent Assessment Panel for Wales**

Established: 1977, under the *Rent Act 1977*

#### Functions:

The Panel assesses private accommodation rents and puts a price on lease purchasing/modern ground rents. It also settles disputes in respect of the management of residential property.

President: Mr Gareth Morgan  
Vice President: Mr David Rhys Davies

#### Contact details:

1<sup>st</sup> Floor (West Wing)  
Southgate House  
Wood Street  
Cardiff CF10 1EW

Tel: 029 2023 1687  
Fax: 029 2023 6146

### **Valuation Tribunals (Wales)**

Established: 1992, under the *Local Government Finance Act 1992*. (Previously known as the Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals).

#### Functions:

To hear appeals against council tax valuations and liability, and against non-domestic rating assessments, including land drainage rates. The four Welsh Valuation Tribunals are based in Newport (East Wales), Colwyn Bay (North Wales), Cardiff (South Wales) and Carmarthen (West Wales).

Administrative Officer (Mr Paul Harrison)

#### Contact details:

Local Government Finance Division  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 029 2082 5301  
Fax: 029 2082 5096  
Web-site: [www.valuation-tribunals.gov.uk](http://www.valuation-tribunals.gov.uk)

### **3. Appointments**

The National Assembly for Wales makes appointments to Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies. Appointments are made by Ministers and most are unpaid and part-time. All appointments are made on merit.

Further information can be found on the National Assembly for Wales' web-site at:  
[www.wales.gov.uk/recruitment/pubapps-e.htm](http://www.wales.gov.uk/recruitment/pubapps-e.htm).

The Code of Practice on Public Appointments published by the Assembly can be found at:  
[www.wales.gov.uk/recruitment/pubapps-cp-e.htm](http://www.wales.gov.uk/recruitment/pubapps-cp-e.htm)

General information on UK public bodies can be found on the Cabinet Office web-site at:  
[www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/quango](http://www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/quango)

The site includes an electronic version of *Public Bodies*, a statistical register of all national public bodies giving details of staffing, expenditure and remuneration levels for senior staff.

## 4. Historical data

### 4.1 Table comparing numbers of ASPBs 1980 – present

**Table 1: Numbers of quangos/ASPBs in Wales: 1980-2004**

	Executive	Advisory	Tribunal	Total
1980	11	20	4	35
1985	11	26	4	41
1990	14	24	4	42
1995	20	23	5	48
1996	20	21	5	46
1997	19	20	5	44
1998	19	18	5	42
1999	15	18	5	38
2000	15	17	5	37
2001	14	16	5	35
2002	14	15	5	34
2003	14	14	5	33
2004	15	14	5	34

Sources: *Public Bodies* yearly editions 1980 - 2003 (Cabinet Office), *Public Bodies 2004* (Carlton Publishing)

**Sources:** *Public Bodies* yearly editions 1980 – 2002 (Cabinet Office)  
*Public Bodies 2004* (Carlton Publishing)  
 Cabinet Office  
*Report of the Richard Commission* (Commission on the Powers and Electoral Arrangements of the National Assembly for Wales)  
 Annual Reports & Accounts of the ASPBs 2002-03 and 2003-04  
 Remit Letters to the ASPBs 2003-04 and 2004-05  
 National Assembly for Wales Budget 2003-04 and 2004-05  
 Assembly Compliance Office  
 Welsh Assembly Government Sponsor Divisions of the ASPBs  
 Web-sites of the ASPBs



**Table 2: Executive bodies in Wales: Staff numbers: 1980 to 2004 (Feb)**

*Number of full-time equivalent staff employed*

	1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arts Council of Wales	..	..	..	65	70	78	69	85	85	85	85	84	88
Care Council for Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	23	34
Countryside Council for Wales	..	..	..	285	293	342	343	358	396	396	636	696	640
Environment Agency Wales (a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	823	890	967	1,013	978	1,000
Health Professions Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	..	..	..	34	28	28	28	31	29	33	34	22	22
National Council for Education and Training for Wales (ELWa)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	550	494	483
National Library of Wales	156	149	153	160	185	211	210	228	234	234	265	263	274
National Museums and Galleries of Wales	384	385	323	460	461	461	465	496	496	486	613	600	541
Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (b)	..	..	19	37	43	42	54	70	77	77	86	89	88
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales	29	33	34	35	34	34	31	31	31	31	31	37	29
Sports Council for Wales	149	142	154	152	126	148	155	161	161	170	170	162	154
Wales Tourist Board (c)	94	107	125	107	113	115	112	107	119	117	115	122	109
Welsh Development Agency (d)	475	443	494	328	327	336	337	482	540	531	531	908	911
Welsh Language Board	..	..	..	8	30	30	30	29	27	32	32	41	60
Cardiff Bay Development Corporation (e)	..	..	39	91	98	99	101	94	88	..	..	..	..
Cwmbran Development Corporation (f)	428	312	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Development Board for Rural Wales (g)	101	97	98	107	97	88	88	..	..	..	..	..	..
Further Education Funding Council for Wales (h)	..	..	..	39	43	48	49	49	56	56	..	..	..
Housing for Wales / Tai Cymru (i)	..	..	64	70	67	68	67	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Authority for Wales (g)	69	46	46	48	48	48	50	..	..	..	..	..	..
Residuary Body for Wales (j)	..	..	..	..	8	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wales Youth Agency (k)	..	..	..	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (l)	..	35	33	28	24	24	24	23	23	23	..	..	..
Welsh Water Authority (m)	5,477	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total of above</b>	<b>7,362</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>4,459</b>

(a) figures provided by Environment Agency Wales

(b) formed in Oct 97 by the amalgamation of the Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (formerly the Curriculum Council for Wales) and the NCVQ (Wales Office).

(c) 2004 includes 55 employed on special projects.

(d) 1998 excludes 26 European and NAW funded posts. 1999 and 2000 include 44 such posts plus temporary staff and student placements.

Increase in 2003 primarily due to additional functions, in particular connected with European funded activities.

(e) wound up on 31/03/00

(f) dissolved on 30/06/88

(g) the Development Board for Rural Wales and the Land Authority for Wales were integrated into the Welsh Development Agency in 1998.

(h) dissolved with effect from 01/04/01

(i) abolished March 1999, functions transferred to the Assembly

(j) set up in February 1995 to manage and dispose of surplus assets following on from local government re-organisation. It was wound up on 31/12/98.

(k) from 01/04/97 the Wales Youth Agency lost its NDPB status and became an independent body grant aided by the Welsh Office.

(l) dissolved in April 2002 and its functions taken over by the newly-formed Nursing and Midwifery Council.

(m) privatised under the *Water Act 1989*

Sources: *Public Bodies* yearly editions 1980 - 2002 (Cabinet Office), National Assembly for Wales Record of Proceedings 29/04/04 written answer p5-6, *Wales Yearbook 2004* (FBA/HTV), Environment Agency Wales

**Table 3: Executive bodies in Wales: Funding by Government: 1980 to 2004**

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Financial year	1979-80	1984-85	1989-90	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Arts Council of Wales	..	..	..	13.5	14.2	15.5	14.5	14.3	14.8	15.6	16.6	21.3	23.3
Care Council for Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.7
Countryside Council for Wales	..	..	..	21.1	18.7	22.2	23.2	25.6	25.6	30.9	36.4	44.6	39.0
Environment Agency Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.9	12.0	13.5	16.7	20.5
Health Professions Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	..	..	..	232.5	242.5	243.5	236.8	233.8	270.4	297.6	328.3	338.4	337.9
National Council for Education and Training for Wales (ELWa)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	354.6	486.2	495.0
National Library of Wales	2.1	3.0	4.0	8.9	12.4	6.0	5.2	6.0	6.3	7.2	7.8	9.6	14.0
National Museums and Galleries of Wales	4.1	6.7	15.9	12.7	12.5	12.3	12.3	15.5	15.5	14.7	17.0	19.0	17.9
Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (a)	..	..	0.9	7.0	..	9.0	8.5	9.4	9.6	9.4	10.5	12.1	12.1
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Sports Council for Wales	1.9	2.9	4.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.9	7.9	8.5	10.7
Wales Tourist Board	3.7	6.4	10.0	14.2	14.7	14.6	15.1	14.7	15.4	15.4	24.6	30.0	22.1
Welsh Development Agency (b)	46.0	40.9	72.5	50.2	29.2	61.7	88.1	122.4	115.4	110.0	110.0	202.0	203.5
Welsh Language Board	..	..	..	0.1	1.9	2.0	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.3	7.2	7.3	12.3
Cardiff Bay Development Corporation (c)	..	..	29.0	62.7	63.1	59.2	47.9	37.4	40.6	..	..	..	..
Cwmbran Development Corporation (d)	3.6	4.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Development Board for Rural Wales (e)	6.5	9.0	12.1	16.9	10.3	10.0	9.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Further Education Funding Council for Wales (f)	..	..	..	172.5	178.5	180.1	183.0	179.2	201.6	201.6	..	..	..
Housing for Wales / Tai Cymru (g)	..	..	94.9	137.8	120.3	111.0	82.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Authority for Wales (e)	..	0.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Residuary Body for Wales (h)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wales Youth Agency (i)	..	..	..	0.4	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (j)	..	4.5	7.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	7.2	7.3	12.3
Welsh Water Authority (k)	2.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total of above</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>252.2</b>	<b>759.4</b>	<b>727.6</b>	<b>756.0</b>	<b>740.9</b>	<b>673.0</b>	<b>741.0</b>	<b>731.1</b>	<b>942.9</b>	<b>1,204.4</b>	<b>1,225.7</b>

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(b) increase in 2003 primarily due to additional functions, in particular connected with European funded activities.

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(i) from 01/04/97 the Wales Youth Agency lost its NDPB status and became an independent body grant aided by the Welsh Office.

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